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By TJ Burgonio

A PESO for Da Grapes.

Economic supporters of defeated opposition presidential candidate Fernando Poe Jr. are [illegible]

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GMA allies told: Don't rock the boat for JDV

By Jaime Laboy (Intramuros) and TJ Burgonio

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo wants the next power bloc in Congress led by her campaign manager Ronaldo Puno (see sky ill).

"She told them to stop undermining the leadership of the Speaker (Jose de Venecia Jr.)," a Malacañang official said yesterday.

DILG: Lina out, Reyes in

GMA springs a surprise with 1st Cabinet change

By Jaime Laboy (Intramuros)

KNOWN to keep her cards close to her chest, President Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday sprung a surprise when she named former defense chief Angelo Reyes the new secretary of the Department of Interior and Local Government.

Reyes' appointment came just hours after DILG Secretary Jose Lina announced he was resigning (details more time in the hands).

It also coincided with speculation that the man who would succeed Lina at the DILG helm was president's campaign spokesperson Ignacio Michael Defensor.

Reyes, who backed Mrs Arroyo in the 2001 "people power" revolt that ousted Joseph Estrada, was earlier rumored to be in line for a top position in the cabinet.

Reyes' appointment marked the first top-level change in the Cabinet since Mrs Arroyo indicated before she began her second term as president that she was planning to form a partial Cabinet revamp.

Talk on who would be affected by the changes had sparked Interior Secretary Alberto Romulo to remind how power-affected people.

"I cannot believe the greed for power of some people," Romulo complained by a colleague as saying on hearing that some people were eyeing his job.

(Presidential spokesperson Ignacio Bunye said Mr Arroyo "accepted with regret" Lina's resignation.

"The President thanked Lina for effectively contributing to the country's political stability (through) law enforcement and the enhancement of the capabilities of the local government units," Bunye said in a statement issued shortly after Mr Arroyo returned to Malacañang at 3:30 p.m. from a trip to Tagaytay, Batangas.

"He's up to the job," Bunye said when asked why Reyes, chief of the National Anti-Kidnapping Task Force, was appointed to the DILG.

He said Reyes' appointment would take effect on July 11.

After the May 10 elections, Mr Arroyo held two press conferences where she praised Reyes for his "spectacular" performances as NAKTF chief.

His solid kidnapping was at its zenith during her term since the ripped threats to be the most kidnapping state.

Lina attended the first Cabinet meeting held in Clark, Pampanga

FROM SHRINE OF PEOPLE POWER TO CRADLE OF NOBLE HEROES. Bishop Socrates Villegas, rector of the Edsa Shrine for the past 14 years, is installed as Lucena Archbishop-Palitican at morning rites attended by 40 bishops and Manila Cardinal Vidal (back to camera). In his homily, Bishop Soc asked his countrymen to pursue a life of heroism in accordance with the historic site where now does so. (Story on Page A4.)

LILET day in office for Interior Secretary Jose Lina (left) who makes way for anti-kidnapping czar Angelo Reyes to take over on July 11—a surprise appointment from the Palace on Saturday.

'MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE'

Old Inquirer page spans generations

By Nob Custodio

EVEN when tasked to a suppose he manages said in the streets, in our cramped page of the Inquirer did not mean to accept a reader and make much easier.

Coming home with that bought from a mall last May 30th via Leo Mustard, a college student in Bohol, noticed that the wrapper used was the paper's Letter to the Editor section dated Jan. 23, 2002.

A particular item made Mustard keep the wrapper long after she had ordered the magazine: a letter from Ramon Alfonso Fuentes, a 75-year-old former circle broadcaster, who sadly composed today's radio-TV anchors and news readers to listen to his "Golden Age" to the "Era."

This led to a remarkable correspondence between total strangers, between two chance generations, between a youth looking for role models and a parting mentor willing to share lessons about his fading craft.

Motivated, a most communicative student immediately wrote Fuentes to the address he gave in the Letter's column, asking him to tell her more about the "lively and exciting anecdotes" adhered to by radio personalities during the day.

The letter reached Fuentes, now a business consultant based in Cubao, Quezon City, and on receipt of recent official rights, last June 12. He contacted the letter and went to relay the "unusual" dates of events set off by that wrapper-to-paper.

"When prompted me to write you this answer a cue invitation to the readers to get in touch with you if they're interested to know more about the Golden Age of Philippine broadcasting," read the handwritten letter from Mustard, which Fuentes showed this reporter.

"I'm a mass communications

A LEGEND CIRCLE! Mr. Called by his peers the "greatest acting genius" of his time, Marlon Brando first grabbed the world's attention for his landmark performance in "Orchid Waterfront" in 1951 (above). His fabled a method of acting that was at once raw and lauded. (Story on Page A1.)

UST alumna bags first UP media award

By Gina B. Zulueta
Lifestyle assistant editor

THE JOURNALIST, publisher and educator whatever other calls herself a "mad-y" for taking on supposedly losing causes and, like it intended, inspiring the thrill of waging a win with an hope of victory.

On a recent national meeting of campus journalists at the University of Santo Tomas, her alma mater, Raquel Chavez figured to counsel her team at dinner at the then Holy Ghost College (now the College of the Holy Spirit), in which she played a Singapore prisoner who resorted to Christianity and, later, refusing to deny her faith, was stoned to death.

"The stage manager then had a profound effect on the real life of that 15-year-old stage heroine," Aguilar said. "She developed a mature complex...combined with the habit of rebellion, a truly deadly combination."

The metaphor is apt for a woman whom Filipino Catholicism has deeply inspired. On the advice of the Christ in the Filipino parable, as their the world is largely seen as a treasury untold where one's free and suffering are a precious violence to the final destination, which is heaven.

Of course, because of their innate nonconformism, many Filipinos interpret the passion as largely one of defeat and humiliation, the harbingers of heaven. The greater the suffering, they think, the better the prospect of eternal bliss.

That is where Aguilar's cut of mind comes in-up. For while many Filipinos enjoy their martyr

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WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Sunshine and Monday. Low to moderate cloudiness with isolated rainshowers this afternoon. The rest of the country will be partly cloudy to at times cloudy with isolated rain showers and thunderstorms.

JOSEFA MEJARES

Second FRONTPAGE

Palace OK with GMA assuming two posts

By Juliet Labog-Javellana

PALACE officials seem amenable to the proposal of Speaker Jose de Venecia Jr. for President Macapagal-Arroyo to become concurrent Prime Minister in a shift to a parliamentary federal form of government in 2007.

Presidential spokesperson Ignacio Bunye said Ms. Arroyo had given her consent for Congress to begin charter change and would meet with its leaders to seek a consensus on when the shift should happen.

De Venecia earlier proposed the arrangement to convince Ms. Arroyo not to emerge on her promise to step down in 2007 — an uneasy issue in her early years in power this year for the child-to-a-new system of government.

Following her inauguration on June 30, Ms. Arroyo backtracked on her campaign promise to serve only as a transition President, saying that she would like to see the new form of government implemented after her term ends in 2010.

"Political reform is one of the things the President mentioned during the campaign and there is no reason why it cannot be debated and discussed [at Congress]," Bunye said in a radio interview.

Bunye, however, said the other day she would certify a bill proposing the election of a constitutional convention to amend the charter.

But Bunye said the change would not be done at once because the issue would be submitted to a process like a referendum.

"The process is similar to the passage of a bill. There will be separate discussions in the House and the Senate. And whatever will be approved will become the law," Bunye said.

He said the President will submit the bill calling for a convention.

But this may run counter to De Venecia's proposed switch calls for a constituent assembly, composed of all the members of the Senate and the House of Representatives, to amend key provisions of the 1987 Constitution.

De Venecia said the assembly can put in a transitory provision making the incumbent President the concurrent prime minister.

During the campaign Ms. Arroyo promised to convene a constitutional convention immediately after the May elections to amend the Constitution.

But Defensor said it may be too soon to call a convention, which will be composed of delegates from all districts in the country.

"The people will not like this because we just had an election. The cost will be too much for us," Defensor said. He said the earliest that a convention could be held would be in 2007. This would mean that the changes could be implemented only in 2010. With a report from AP Reporter Gamo

NEW BOHOL EXECS
President Macapagal-Arroyo administers the oath of office to the newly elected officials of Bohol province over the Sen. Erico Aumentado (4th from left) at 4:00 yesterday at the Bohol Cultural Center. Center, Aller, sworn in were Vice Gov. Julius Caesar Herrera, Rep. Edgar Chatto (1st district), Rep. Roberto Cajes (2nd district), Rep. Eladio Jala (3rd district), Tagbilaran City Mayor Dan Lim and Vice Mayor Honrea Montero.

GMA: Reconciliation not for me but for all

By Juliet Labog-Javellana
and Blanche S. Rivera

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday said she was making reconciliation with all sectors, not for her convenience, but for the people to regain its trust.

Ms. Arroyo issued the statement following reports that she had initiated confidence talks with Imelda Marcos, the widow of the late strongman Ferdinand Marcos.

The President granted Marcos on Friday last — Ninoy's birthday, it was confirmed by presidential spokesperson Ignacio Bunye.

Asked how the reconciliation move would affect the government's long battle to recover the Marcos ill-gotten wealth, Bunye said "reconciliation must be multi-pronged."

The government is seeking the recovery of billions of pesos worth of assets the Marcoses allegedly stashed away during the dictator's 21-year rule.

The President said in a statement: "We intend not for reconciliation at the level of personal benefit of the parties, but for national and societal peace. The fruits of genuine healing are not for us leaders, but for the people to reap. Reconciliation should not be for the convenience of power holders but for the basis for full use for the average Filipino," she said.

Ms. Arroyo also said: "Reconciliation with the opposition must not only be forged in rhetoric. The opposition must send their best and brightest to help formulate more reasoned. Together we must share responsibility for the welfare of the people."

Not exciting

Former President Corazon Aquino did not exactly jump for joy when she heard about the government moves to negotiate solutions with the Marcos family. Top church leaders also expressed their reservations.

Aquino said she was not consulted over attempts by the government to reach out to Marcos' widow, Imelda, and her relatives.

Aquino, who became president following the fall of the Marcos dictatorship in 1986, said "but she wanted any kind of reconciliation to be based on justice.

"Reconciliation just for reconciliation's (sake) will not last. Reconciliation based on justice will be permanent," she said yesterday in an interview before the installation of Bishop Socrates Villegas of the Lallodad of St. Augustine-de-Baliuag, Bataan.

Asked what she thought of the President granting Marcos on her birthday, Aquino said: "I still want to know who are responsible for the assassination of Ninoy," referring to her husband, opposition leader Benigno "Ninoy" Aquino who was shot dead by Marcos' men upon his return to the Philippines in 1983.

Although a group of soldiers was convicted of the killing, the mastermind was never convicted.

Davao Archbishop Fernando Capalla, president of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines, said Arroyo's decision to reach out to the Marcos family was a "good sign" but warned the government to carefully study its possible effects.

"I hope they understand what a really messy road what the implications are of a reconciliation," Capalla said. The CBCP sided with Aquino during the 1986 snap elections.

Cebu Archbishop Ricardo Cardinal Vidal said talks between the government and the Marcoses would be for the good of the country. "Reconciliation is long enough, if the argument of the late dictator being buried in the Libingan ng mga Bayani.

"My brother is buried there; he died in Cagayan (Valley)," he said.

Meanwhile, the Presidential Commission on Good Government said it was now reformed for the reported reconciliation offer of the President to Marcos.

PCGG Commissioner Nora Aquino said: "If it's true, it does not affect our work. We're recovered the Swiss money and the rest is already forfeited."

She was referring to the $684 million recent Swiss deposits of the Marcos couple that was finally recovered by the government last year, 17 years after the ouster of the Marcos dictatorship. With reports from Jessa Z. Pinaliligan and AFP

Typhoon 'Igme' death toll rises to 31

By Alcuin Papa

THE DEATH toll from typhoon "Igme" (tropical cyclone) rose to 31 yesterday while 11 persons were still missing, the National Disaster Coordinating Council said.

Most of the victims drowned or were crushed by residents following widespread flooding in Northern Luzon, while four others drowned in flooding in Mindanao.

The NDCC also said that 22 people were injured as a result of the supertyphoon which struck the country on Tuesday.

As of 8 a.m. yesterday, the NDCC reported that a total of 113,004 families or 577,471 persons had been displaced by Typhoon Igme.

The Army had been mobilized to rescue families marooned by floods in the north, the NDCC said.

Igme also damaged a total of 14,122 houses in Region 1, 2 and the Cordillera Autonomous Region, the news was most severely affected by typhoon.

Total damage to crops and infrastructure was estimated at P1.16 billion. Agricultural crops worth P454.2 million were destroyed while damage to infrastructure was placed at P444.6 million.

The NDCC said that the Department of Social Work and Development has extended a total of P1.8 billion to affected provinces and municipalities ravaged by the typhoon.

President Macapagal-Arroyo and Vice President Noli de Castro visited provinces in Northern Luzon the other day to inspect the damage and to bring relief goods.

Typhoon Igme struck Northern Luzon with gusts of up to 190 km an hour but is Later downgraded into a storm as it traveled past southern Taiwan. With an AFP report

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US forces here for training but venue still up in the air

By Alcuin Papa

JOINT anti-terrorism training exercises with the United States are to be held in Mindanao sometime this month but military officials said they could not give out the exact venue pending approval by the Mutual Defense Board.

US forces from Okinawa, Japan, are already in Zamboanga for the joint exercises, said Lt. Gen. Roy Rosales, chief of the Armed Forces Southern Command.

Rosales said the anti-terrorism exercises would include sea, air and land training modules and would cover many areas and locations in Mindanao.

The Abu Sayyaf bandit gang operates in Tawi-Tawi, using the island group to cross over into Sabah in East Malaysia to kidnap foreign tourists as they did at the Sipadan resort in 2000.

Accuracy officials have linked the Abu Sayyaf to the Indonesian-based Jemaah Islamiah terror group which is also said to have links with Osama bin Laden's al-Qaeda international terror network.

Local anti-terrorist operations have in the past few months arrested two alleged financial conduits who channeled funds from the al-Qaida and Jemaah Islamiyah.

Details concerning the joint exercises were finalized last early this week during the visit to Zamboanga City of Admiral Thomas Fargo, commander-in-chief of the US Pacific Command (Uscpacom).

Uscpac has many security ties in the Philippines, more than P220 million, for Philippine anti-terrorism operations, to include training, equipment and improvement of intelligence.

US military advisers have assisted several Filipino light reaction forces over the past two years while providing intelligence input to help the Philippine government fight the Abu Sayyaf.

Rosales, who was here to attend the inauguration of President Macapagal-Arroyo last Wednesday, will be meeting with AFP chief Gen. Narciso Abaya and Defense Secretary Eduardo Ermita next week. With a report from Reuters

ENTERTAINMENT

Lito Lovell C. Catolos

Cinemanila 'fighting' to show 'Imelda'

By Marinel R. Cruz

DESPITE the recent court decision banning the exhibition of the award-winning documentary "Imelda" for 30 days, organizers of the 2004 Makati Cinemanila Film Festival insist on seeking its inclusion among the films to be shown in the 12-day festival.

Jocelyn Ma. Cristina Gotiangco of the Makati City regional trial court last week issued a 30-day temporary restraining order to stop the public screening of the 102-minute film by Lauren Dado.

"Imelda" won its Una the best documentary trophy prize at the 2003 Sundance Film Festival.

Former First Lady Imelda Marcos, the subject of the documentary, claimed she does not know anything about the film and did not give her consent for its screening.

"We're fighting to get it," shows director and Makati Cinemanila Film Festival chair Tikoy Aguiluz said in a press conference last week. "This, after all, is not for commercial screening."

The Movie and Television Review and Classification Board (MTRCB) has issued the permit to exhibit "Imelda" to United Pictures, the local distributor of the documentary.

"It's making the rounds all over the world," added Aguiluz. "The Filipinos deserve to watch it."

Belgian critic Robert Malengreau, founder of Brussels International Independent Film Festival in Brussels, was also present during the press conference. He said he has seen "Imelda" and believed that "we should see more of it."

"It's not very bad for her (Marcos)," Malengreau said of the documentary. "It also discusses some of the historical events in the country, but mostly it's Imelda who's talking about herself."

The 2004 MCIFF is being held now to July 12 at the Greenbelt cinemas in Makati City. The awarding show will be on July 9 at the Rizal Investor auditorium.

Local films included in the competition are Lav Diaz's "Ebolusyon ng Isang Pamilyang Pilipino" and Mario O' Hara's "Babae sa Breakwater."

Mayra J. de los Reyes' "Magbitang" was earlier reported to be one of the finalists. But because it did not have subtitles and did not make it to the preconvention of films in time, the entry failed to be included in the lineup, Aguiluz explained.

"We're also looking for a local film that participated in at least two festivals abroad," he pointed out.

AGUILUZ

MALLENGREAU

DADO: Ebolusyon ng isang pamilyang Pilipino

"WARDROBE MALFUNCTION." Janisson and Timberlake after the half-second exposure

$550,000 fine for TV stations that showed Janet flash

WASHINGTON—The brief glimpse of Janet Jackson's breast during the Super Bowl could cost 20 television stations owned by Viacom Inc. a total of $550,000, sources familiar with the federal regulatory case said last week.

During the National Football League's Super Bowl halftime show in February, Jackson's costume was ripped away by fellow singer Justin Timberlake, briefly exposing her breast and sparking a public outcry. The move accompanied their performance of a song that concludes with the lyric "I gotta have you naked by the end of this song."

Flooded with complaints, the Federal Communications Commission staff have proposed commissioners fine Viacom Inc.'s 20 CBS TV stations $27,500 each for a total of $550,000, said a source familiar with the case.

The Super Bowl had almost 90 million viewers, the biggest number since 1998, and Viacom made an average of $2.3 million per 30-second commercial. The conglomerate posted a $711 million profit in the first quarter. The halftime show was produced by another unit of Viacom, its MTV music-television network. Network and NFL officials were headed before Congress to answer for the flash, which lasted about half a second.

Viacom apologized but said no one at the company or the CBS and MTV networks knew in advance about what Timberlake called the "wardrobe malfunction."

This month, Clear Channel Communications Inc., the largest owner of US radio stations, agreed to pay $1.75 million to settle all complaints against its stations. It recently dropped shock jock Howard Stern, who is known for his sexual references. Reuters

'Piso-piso for Poe: Backers raise funds for poll protest

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units willing to raise, through modest contributions, the millions needed to nurture Presidential Mentalgal Arroyo's psychomotion, opposition foe Apolino Pimentel Jr. said yesterday.

"There were people who sent messages to me in inboxes saying they're willing to contribute piso-piso [a peso each] for an honest-to-goodness electoral protest," Pimentel said at a press forum in Quezon City.

Pimentel said his advice to the wildly popular Poe was for him to take advantage of the groundswell of support that he said the actor still had, "because while we can't rely on the piso-piso to fund the requirements of a protest, the psychological boost there would be tremendous."

On June 30, Mr. Arroyo was proclaimed the winner of the May 10 presidential contest after the lengthy and acrimonious unofficial canvassing showed that she topped 11 million votes more than Poe.

The Poe camp, however, claimed that he won by more than 500,000 votes based on its own tally of the election returns.

The actor has so far not indicated whether he was interested in pursuing an election protest, a process both expensive and arduous and involving millions of pesos in filing fees alone.

Pimentel noticed the administration should watch out if Poe goes ahead and decides to file a legal protest.

"Gloria had better prepare because there are pisos of several scattered all over the archipelagos that massive amounts are out. This is backed by our own election returns," he said.

Divided on issue

Poe has 30 days from the date of Mr. Arroyo's proclamation, or July 29, to file a formal electoral protest. But his advisers are divided on the issue, with some saying it would be futile.

An election protest is a protracted and expensive legal process that could cost at least P50 million.

Pimentel earlier said that Poe should be prepared for a protracted and costly battle "since the Arroyo administration will use all the powers and resources at its command in [Gloria's] attempt to remain here."

He said that one advantage of filing a protest was "he would be able to present all the evidence of cheating."

Despite fears of whether Poe decides to pursue an electoral protest, the opposition should pursue the criminal prosecution of election officials and lawyers who may have been involved in the alleged fraud, Pimentel said.

Pimentel believes Poe's fourth-year ng Maglakbalang Pilipino would suffer the same fate as the Kilusang Bagong Lipunan, which disintegrated after the late dictator Ferdinand Marcos was deposed by a people power uprising in February 1986.

"KNP was a loose coalition of disparate political parties. There is no assurance that it can stay on. The KBL disintegrated soon after the senior for the coalition disappeared," he said, adding that he himself was returning to his old party, the PDP-Laban.

Powerful force

But Pimentel is confident that the opposition will remain a "powerful force" in the next Congress even though its ranks have thinned with the departure of some members to the administration camp.

"We still have people with us who are clear about their role. We will have no second thoughts about standing up to the people, which I think directly challenges the call for a bureaucrat power between us and the presidency," he said.

"If we can hang on to that one thread that binds us ... being in the opposition, we have to make a common stand on major policies, on measures, law and order, and peace talks," he added.

RAMON ALFONSO FUENTES of the "Golden Age" of broadcasting connects with a MassCom student through a message in a bottle like his idiom. It started with a letter in the Inquirer's Letter to the Editor section (at left) where Fuentes recalled the "exacting standards" of the broadcasters of his generation.

Old Inquirer page spans generations

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election and one of my upcoming major subjects this school year is broadcast journalism."

She wrote: "Getting acquainted with the field, or flair of broadcasting through you would probably prepare and place me in a better position to understand the subject."

Note-in-a-bottle saga

Mamaril, who gave her return address as Dali Norte, Buenlirio, 6000 Bohol, said she just "chanced upon" Fuentes' letter on the stile on "old and torn pages of the business mind (to renew the mortgage) I bought from a store by chance."

In a visibly amused Fuentes, "this is a case bit like the saga of the note in a bottle thrown out to sea. After many years, in a faraway land, the note is retrieved and a story unfolds."

"Don't you think it exceedingly delightful?" he told the Inquirer. "Was there ever anything like it before? I shall cherish and treasure the letter.

"For the heavens, it proves that, no matter that the paper we use and succeed and old, the contents keep out in the reader and stir up emotions," he said.

Fuentes said he mailed his reply in Manila last June 2.

'Total anarchy'

In the Inquirer interview, he gave a sampling of what he requested in the Boholano medium.

Compared to the disciplines and "fast" observed by his generation of radio men, he said, "there is total anarchy in broadcasting today."

For example, he said fellow anchors at the time would be reprimanded or sometimes "fined" by management for grammatical errors, wrong diction or mispronounced words.

But today radio or TV announcers usually get many nuts "anniversaries," like ... th year anniversary, or "number" notes, like month anniversary, week anniversary, monthsary and weeksary.

Anchors then delivered the news in a more "realistic, professional style" rather than in a "news bark," he said. "News (then) was never treated for shouted."

Tips from a master

He's concerned that thousand and other disadvantages are "proving the wrong idea of what broadcasting is all about. Don't forget that when you are on radio, you are a guest in a person's home and you're not supposed to shout in that person."

Such rises, he added, a news reader would never make rude comments or wisecracks in between reports. A field reporter would also "not address the news to the anchor" but make it clear that he's speaking to the listeners.

"We were not allowed to mention any commercial brand, otherwise the station will fall in according to the corresponding (advertising) rate."

Worse, "we could get fired."

Today, he noted, anchors thank their sponsors or even their listeners on-air.

"The greatest sanctity is in time management," he lamented.

War-time voice

How come, he wondered, today's radio announcers seem to give time checks that are "totally different" from one another? It was also a no-no during his day for programs to exceed their allotted time.

Mamaril has, no doubt, asked for pointers from the right man—what with Fuentes' weight of broadcasting experience.

The native Boholo was already going on air just before the outbreak of World War II.

In April 1945, at age 17, he was hired as an announcer in a radio station operating from a US military camp in Iloilo City, where he also served as a news boy.

Having worked for American troops and later obtaining non-immigrant degree in the US after the war largely explain Fuentes' command of the English language.

Axed during Marcos time

From the '50s, he alternated his duties as a broadcaster with his work in his consultancy firm. He did newscasts for Manila Broadcasting Co., and later over dxBQ-TV, which then sponsored Channel 3. In the '60s, he managed a radio station he put up with a compadre in Bacolod City.

In 1979, under the Marcos regime, Fuentes began hosting "A Message to the President," a sanitized public affairs program on dzMM-FM. The 15-minute show, which aired commentary coming from the audience regarding public service, got the ax upon the orders of Malacañang" in 1982, he said.

He would return to the radio booth 20 years later, this time as a voice for his fellow elderly: Fuentes hosted the weekly "Senior Citizens Speaks" on dwBS-AM. The program was stopped last Jan. 31, however, due to a change in the station's ownership.

Not just anybody

In his January-dated letter to the editor, Fuentes described himself as "one of the last true living authors" of a period in Philippine broadcasting when networks put a high premium on work experience and security and "did not pick just anybody off the street and make him (the) newscaster like they do now."

"There were many examples of professional discipline then that are sadly taken for granted today by the so-called new more broadcasters," he wrote.

Fuentes said he hoped to meet Mamaril soon to personally thank her for "a most treasured experience" of having his forgotten project two years after coming out to the heavens, the page having been recycled by a circus vendor—and literally hoarding fans.

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Edsa Shrine's 'guardian' moves on

By Blanche S. Rivera

FROM the sacred shrine of popular revolts to the hallowed land of Filipino heroes.

Bishop Socrates Villegas, the longtime guardian of the Edsa Shrine, yesterday gave up his historic charge to take up a new role as bishop of Balanga in Bataan province.

In a moving ceremony that gathered members of his family, his religious mentors and faithful parishioners, Villegas, 43, bade goodbye to his mentor, retired Manila Archbishop Jaime Cardinal Sin whom he served for 19 years, and the people of the Mary Queen of Peace Our Lady of the Edsa Shrine which he led for 14 years.

"I thank the Edsa Shrine, my first love, my first-born. I am moving on," a tearful Villegas, his voice cracking with emotion, said after the Mass.

"Nurture and protect the spirituality of Edsa that we have worked on together. Edsa Shrine, I love you," he said to the applause of his former parishioners who braved the two-hour trek to witness the bishop's installation at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Balanga.

Villegas, who was rector of the Shrine since its establishment in 1989, admitted an initial unwillingness to give it up but he said he knew that his duty was to go where God called.

Cardinal Sin, who has been wheelchair-bound for the past year because of failing health, was flown to Balanga by helicopter and assisted by several priests as he joined 65 other bishops at the altar.

"Thank you, Cardinal Sin. I was ready to grow old taking care of you for life, but the Lord has other plans and I obey. You will never know how grateful I am to you, how much I really love you," Villegas said.

A cheerful and smiling Sin embraced the young bishop and gave him his blessing.

"I know him as a father knows his son. I am a witness to his dedication and courage. But above all, I have seen his personal communion with God. His deep spirituality is the foundation of his ministry. I believe this is the precious gift that Bishop Soc will share with you," Sin said in a statement that he read.

Villegas was not given his own parish when he was ordained a priest in October 1985 so that he could serve as Sin's private secretary and spokesperson. The Edsa Shrine was his first parish assignment.

He was elevated to auxiliary bishop of Manila in 2001 but the diocese of Balanga is only the first diocese to which he has been assigned.

The young bishop challenged his new constituents to pursue a life of holiness and heroism, traits that he said were exhibited by the heroes of Bataan.

"Today I come to the hallowed ground of Bataan, coming from the holy ground of Edsa. I pray, let there be peace," Villegas said.

"Do not be afraid to be holy. Dare to be saints. Let us be good priests together," he said.

Villegas assured local officials of his full support but warned that he would not tolerate corruption and lousy public service while he is in the diocese.

"I will be your enemy if you will not do anything about graft and corruption... If you will cooperate with mediocrity and haphazard public service, you will see me in combat against you," he said.

Cebu Archbishop Ricardo Cardinal Vidal, who gave the homily, urged Villegas to care for the sick and elderly in his diocese.

High court rules vs high-scoring medical grads

By Philip C. Tubeza

THE SUPREME Court has ruled that 11 graduates of the Fatima College of Medicine cannot take their oaths as physicians after they passed the February 2003 medical board exams with "phenomenal" grades.

The SC Second Division reversed the Court of Appeals decision which affirmed the Manila Regional Trial Court ruling ordering the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) to administer the oath to the graduates.

The SC ruled that the PRC had the authority to refuse the graduates the "privilege" of practicing medicine since they had not "satisfactorily passed" the board exam. The PRC even charged the graduates with "immorality, dishonesty, fraud and deceit" for allegedly cheating in the exams.

The SC said its decision was binding only on Fatima graduates Arlene V. de Guzman, Celerina S. Navarro, Rafael I. Tolentino, Bernardita B. Sy, Gloria T. Jularbal, Hubert S. Nazareno, Nancy J. Chavez, Ernesto L. Cue, Herminio V. Fernandez Jr., Maria Victoria M. Lacsamana and Merly D. Sta. Ana.

Fatima College had 79 graduates who took the 2003 board exams but only 11 of them pursued the case in court after the PRC refused to register them as doctors, court records showed.

On July 21, 1993, the PRC Board of Medicine issued a resolution charging the Fatima graduates with immorality, gross misconduct, fraud and deceit for allegedly cheating in the Biochemistry and Obstetrics and Gynecology exams, the "most difficult subjects."

Eleven Fatima graduates scored 100 percent in Bio-Chem and 10 got 100 percent in OB-Gyne, another 11 got 99 percent in Bio-chem and 21 scored 99 percent OB-Gyne, the SC said.

It noted that the board noticed that the Fatima graduates got marks of 95 percent or better in both subjects, "and no one got a mark lower than 90 percent."

The PRC sought the help of Fr. Bienvenido F. Nebres SJ, president of the Ateneo de Manila University and an authority on statistics, to conduct a statistical analysis of the results.

After comparing the scores of Fatima graduates with those of examinees from De La Salle University and Perpetual Help College of Medicine, Nebres reported that the scores of Fatima graduates were "not only incredibly high but unusually clustered close to each other."

Supreme Court Doctrines

JUDICIAL ETHICS—Behavior of court personnel—Respondent's act of receiving money from a litigant who has a pending case before the court where he is working is highly improper and warrants sanction from this court. As stated by the Investigating Officer, the mere fact that he received money from a litigant unavoidably creates an impression not only in the litigant but also in other people that he could facilitate the favorable resolution of the cases pending before the court. Such behavior puts not only the court personnel involved, but the judiciary as well, in a bad light. We have often stressed that the conduct required of court personnel, from the presiding judge to the lowliest of clerk must always be beyond reproach and circumscribed with the heavy burden of responsibility as to let them be free from any suspicion that may taint the judiciary. All court personnel are expected to exhibit the highest sense of honesty and integrity not only in the performance of their official duties but also in their personal and private dealings with other people to preserve the court's good name and standing. This is because the image of a court of justice is mirrored in the conduct, official or otherwise, of the men and women who work there. Any impression of impropriety, misdeed or negligence must be avoided. [Citations omitted.] [Justice Puno, En Banc, Song vs Ulegue A.M. No. CA-02-34, January 14, 2004] BY R. B. VERA

Pagcor women soften–an apology would do

By Bernard N. Nuevas
and Martin P. Nuell

MANDALUYONG

That's all the 20 young women dubbed as GROs by Archbishop of Lingayen-Dagupan Oscar V. Cruz are asking from the prelate.

The 17 Pagcor employees and three staff members from the Office of the Vice Governor-Ilocos Sur (VGIS) during the birthday party of First Gentleman Jose Miguel "Mike" Arroyo over Saturday night.

In response, the 20 women filed a libel case against Cruz at the Manila Prosecutor's office on Thursday. They said being tagged as GROs—used by an archbishop to hint—brought shame and similar connotations about their families.

They are not bad people

With an apology from Cruz, Reyes said the ladies here still "open to" its suggestion for them to drop the case. "They are not bad people," he said.

Reyes said that a day after his pronouncement that the women couldn't care less if Cruz made good his decision not to support the libel charges and ended up behind bars.

By doing so, Cruz said he hoped "to call national attention to the evil of the (illegal) numbers game."

Yesterday, Reyes said they did not understand Cruz's advocacy against Pagcor, which oversees legalized gambling. He said the archbishop should concentrate on "parking" at the illegal numbers game, and not pick on their workers.

Violation of the 9th

He also said that if Cruz resorted to negative information about Pagcor, he should first check with them before calling the press.

Some friends of the First Gentleman suggested that Cruz go to confession for violating the ninth commandment, "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor."

Now that it has been proven that Cruz resorted to character assassination about the GRO issue, the archbishop should confess his sins, said a colleague of Mr. Arroyo, who sees one of the 3,700 guests during the birthday celebration.

If the archbishop sticks to his guns and marks up behind bars, he already has an ally who is willing to join him in prison.

"I will stand by him," senator pro Pr. Robert Reyes said yesterday.

Beneficial experience

Reyes, who spent three days in the Quezon City jail in 2002 for non-bar bar-related, said the experience would be beneficial to the bishop, the prisoners and himself.

"If he goes to jail, I will serve as a fellow inmate and give him a few tips on the habits of a hi-class prisoner. I am sure as a bishop, he is not too choosy on the provisions and the rest of society improvement in the criminal environment of dirty politics, prostitution, drugs and gambling," Reyes said.

Cruz could also sue counsel, big government rules have an easing grace to bill. "The archbishop is both a subject and listener. He will enjoy listening to them and they will enjoy listening to him," the senator-priest said.

Strange suit

Reyes said that gambling—whether legal or illegal—was immoral, and Cruz had been consistent in his advocacy against "parking." The illegal numbers game, said Reyes, "the proponents of legal gambling.

The statements about GROs and Pagcor are not strange per se around gambling. GROs, sin-tel and the like are regulars. What is strange is the libel suit filed against the good archbishop. He did not mention the names of any women or the party hosted by the First Gentleman," he said.

"Maybe they have further reports of women on an affidavit against (Cruz). Who are these women? Who have they suddenly come forward in defense of the First Gentleman, and of course, Pagcor?" Reyes said.

The Pagcor employees who signed the complaint against Cruz were Bernice G. Tecson, Deden Cabanayan, Michelle S. Madrinan, Kristine Joy G. Alvarado, Agnes T. de Guzman, Lorna L. Cunio, Ma. Leonardo Nobra, Rona B. Pascasalem, Marlene Mandaraque, Elizabeth S. Alcime, Cheryl Ann B. Bana, Ma. Marlyn I. Corrales, Jay Anne S. Castillo, Ann Michelle A. Ramos, Hazel C. Adan Ma. Daisy A. Rivera and Melanie M. Manabat.

Three others, Leah Salvador, Gwelle Bernas, and Melba G. Medalla, were from the office of the First Gentleman.

The group claimed that they voluntarily offered to serve as announcers during the celebration and that it was an "honor and privilege" to be present in such "magnificent company."

"I hope the funds complainants against the archbishop know what they are getting into. I also hope that the First Gentleman knows what he and his family is getting themselves into," Reyes said.

"The archbishop knows where he stands. He has always been consistent in his fight against 'parking' and Pagcor. I know he will not stop but because of it, he will. It may even be good for his campaign," he added.

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OFW's orphaned children may not get full benefits

By Marie P. Hofi

HK dependents of an overseas Filipino worker who is killed or being murdered in Saudi Arabia may end up on the streets due to the government inability to provide them assistance.

Dominic Phoben Mithar Ad-interpretation chief Virgilio Angeles said the agency is also committed to provide P120,000 to the family of Milagros Salvador Gutierrez, a worker who had worked as a domestic helper in the Saudi kingdom.

According to Angeles, the family of Gutierrez can might get additional funds if the case they will file against Gutierrez's Saudi employer and the local recruiter who hired her, will prosper.

Angeles noted that the children were still too young to avail of college scholarships which OWWA could fund.

"We can pursue the case against the Saudi employer and his local recruiter... for damages," he said, adding that the local recruiter might even get blacklisted.

The agency is still collating data on the case.

Statistics run the total OFW on the this year and was the fourth leading cause of undocumented, data from the overseas workers' group Migrante revealed. What OWWA was more than of trained assistance to Iraq and Saudi Arabia.

According to initial reports, Gutierrez was found in the morning on June 26 and was reportedly confined to a Caloocan provincial hospital.

During her confinement, she narrated the maltreatment she received at her employers' hands despite the slightest mistakes.

Gutierrez died on Thursday, apparently due to bruises which worsened her body. She left behind five children, two of whom she had earlier given to other relatives.

But Migrante cited as officer Mauri Bernos doubted Angeles pledge to fund over P120,000 to the family of Gutierrez on.

Bernos said the orphaned children did not have any chance of getting additional assistance from OWWA which had already maximized its two programs the general assistance program which provides survey loans for OFWs ranging from P5,000 to P50,000 and the scholarship program which was suspended only this year "for review."

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PAGC exec: 'Karma' did in rap-beating officials

By Aerwaad M. Macatl

STAFF Korea

The axe here an official of the Presidential Anti-Graft Commission identified the loss in the last elections of government officials who had leaped to beat the graft charges against them by resigning and running anyway in office.

"It shows that the people in many localities are tolerant of graft in government, or [how] indigent [people] are of graft," said Elmer Gatchalian, PAGC legal research director.

Gatchalian said at least five officials who were subjected to the government's Identify check programs resigned there before the PAGC, Ombudsman's Counsel, Bureau and the Office of the Ombudsman could respond to them, nor the evil run the service.

The officials were former Justice Secretary Bernardo Perez, former Agriculture Secretary Salvador Mercado Reyes, former Tourism secretary Jose Mejia, former Bureau of Customs chief Jesus Mendoza, former Bureau of Internal Revenue Commissioner Rosario Manalo, former Bureau of Immigration Commissioner Andrea Domingo, former Bureau of Customs Commissioner Antonio Tuaño, former Bureau of Internal Revenue Commissioner Jose Mejia, former Bureau of Customs Commissioner Antonio Tuaño, former Bureau of Immigration Commissioner Andrea Domingo, former Bureau of Internal Revenue Commissioner Rosario Manalo, former Bureau of Customs Commissioner Jesus Mendoza, former Bureau of Immigration Commissioner Andrea Domingo, former Bureau of Internal Revenue Commissioner Rosario Manalo

Lina out, Reyes in in surprise Cabinet change

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AFTER 10 years of public service, Lina says at the press conference in his DILG office he is returning to private life to attend to his family and his epiritual needs. Until the announcement from the Palace of the Reyes appointment, Lina believed he was being replaced by Mike Defensor.

go, on July 1. It was his last.

"Even before the campaign, he (Lina) has been saying that he wanted to resign," Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye said.

But sources in Malacañang said Lina's departure was prompted by the Arroyo's decision to back the candidacy of Laguna Gov. Teresita Lazaro, who was in odds with Lina, himself a former governor of Laguna.

The outgoing DILG head had supported Tom Hernandez, who lost to Lazaro, in the 2001 elections. Lazaro beat Lina's brother, Bert, for the governorship.

Mr. Arroyo herself lost to Lazaro during the last election.

"We'll just have to wait." Alingal said, when asked who among Mr. Arroyo's Cabinet members would be the next to say goodbye.

Defensor to DOTC!

Hours after he announced his resignation, Lina called up Defensor to leave to him the care of his department—before Malacañang announced Reyes as the President's choice.

"I resigned, (which for us (I know) is to you)," Lina told Defensor.

"Manong, honestly, the President hasn't said anything about it," Defensor said.

But Lina added: "If ever, as brotherly advice this one will your...it's a Marian(sic) God bless."

Defensor said Lina did not sound sad but told him that he felt he had delivered. Lina said he was saying goodbye to 15 years in public service in order to attend to his family and to his spiritual needs.

"I told him 'Thank you. It was an honor working with you,'" Defensor said.

Defensor added: "If the President asks me, I will accept (the DILG post)."

In Davao, who is very close to the Dutertes, was reportedly given a choice of either the DILG or the Department of Transportation and Communications.

He served as Mr. Arroyo's campaign spokesperson in the last election and is now acting as a political spokesperson.

While the President keeps the line of her Cabinet officials hanging, jockeying for juicy government posts is apparently already in motion.

Romulo hurt

A Palace official said Romulo was affected by reports that he would be replaced by presidential flagship projects adviser Mario "Mat" Zimmers.

Defensor confirmed that Romulo was hurt but gave a slightly different version of how Romulo expressed his disgust.

"I called him up because I heard he was hurt by the reports and I told him 'I'm for you.' He said he could not believe that some people cannot even wait for the President (to announce the changes)," Defensor said.

It was first reported that Zimmers was asked to replace Romulo but she reportedly declined and expressed preference for an appointment as Philippine representative to the Asian Development Bank.

Zimmers is a longtime friend of Mr. Arroyo's. They were together in the Department of Trade where Mr. Arroyo served as undersecretary before she ran for senator in 1992.

Envoia, too

Later, it was rumored that Defense Secretary Eduardo Ermita would replace Romulo even as the name Jose Rene Malacañang still made the rounds.

Romulo denied this when reporters asked him about it in Cebu during the President's inauguration. Bunye said that, as the "Little Boy" of the Cabinet, Romulo is the first to know which Cabinet officials would be affected by the revamp.

Zimmers did not respond to calls on her cell phone but one of her staff members denied that she was going to Romulo's job.

"No truth, in haste to that. (If (Romulo) is not angry (in Zimmers)) and the list no plan for that post. That is just an intrigue," the staffer said.

The Cayetano cousins asked Ermita about rumors he would be appointed executive secretary and he said: "I have no idea what rumors Nani (Jose I heard (that."

"The President is keeping them (things close to herself," Budget Secretary Emilia Boncodin said yesterday on ABC television, when asked about possible Cabinet changes.

Saying goodbye

Some Cabinet officials affected by the jockeying for positions appeared to be letting Malacañang's infamous reputation as "a snake pit."

Another sub-spoken Palace official reportedly affected by the jockeying rumors was Press Secretary Milton Alingal.

It was reported earlier that Ceriga Bautista, a successful Cebu-based media executive who served as Mr. Arroyo's campaign media bureau chief, would replace Alingal.

Alingal's staff members said he was saddened by the rumors and told them late week than their days in the Office of the Press Secretary were numbered.

"He had been saying goodbye," one of them said.

Alingal, however, laughed off the reports, denying he was preparing to vacate the position.

More rumors

"It's all up to the President. I am a good foot soldier. Whatever the President wants, I will follow. I will just do my job for as long as she (needs me," Alingal said.

There were rumors Alingal would be appointed ambassador to China or head of the Manila Economic and Cultural Office, the country's de facto embassy in Taiwan.

Bautista denied he had been lobbying for Alingal's post.

"It's the most thankless job," said Bautista, who is chair of the government-organized EPG 9 and head of the Kapatirang Mga Broadcaster ng Pilipinas.

Bautista, whom the President called a "dear friend," said: "Sim, ill ako nagsasalita, inilo-lobby na hindi ako nagsi-lobby (I am not talking and I am not lobbying)."

Defensor said ABS-CBN executive Eduardo "Danny" Pinto called him yesterday to ask him to deny reports that his supposed resignation from his position at ABS-CBN was a prelude to his taking over Alingal's job.

"I'm not interested in any Cabinet position," Pinto told Defensor.

Shocked at lobbying

Another Cabinet official said he was "shocked" at how power blues in Malacañang lobbied for positions.

"Mu'ndi ang mga power blues dyan (The power blues there are very intense)," the Cabinet official, who did not want to be named, said.

The Cabinet official identified one of the power blues as the group of Social Welfare Secretary Corazon "Dinky" Soliman and presidential press adviser Greg Avila, members of civil society groups that supported Mr. Arroyo.

He said this civil society power bloc was campaigning his department who were lobbying for the Cabinet position that he was now holding.

Lina said he wanted to spend quality time with his family, especially his six children who were all of school age.

"I would also like to devote quality time to respond to God's call for me to grow spiritually and to serve Him in new ways," he said.

Lina served as DILG secretary for three and a half years.

One DILG staffer close to Lina said the secretary was the possessor among all the Cabinet members.

"He does not even own any piece of real estate, not even in his native Laguna," the source, who asked not to be named, said.

Face the media

Lina also said he planned to go face media and become a consultant for media.

Even some DILG employees thought Defensor would be their next boss.

At least, that was the impression they got after Defensor presided and lead DILG staffers during a media advisory conference that the DILG would have its own building in Quezon City soon.

"He assured us that he could get it (money) from the President's funds," one of the DILG staffers, who asked not to be named, said. MNS reports from Nelson Flores and Tet Zamora

GMA allies told: Don't rock the boat for Jose de Venecia

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"They were cold to me this time."

The officials, who requested anonymity, said the President was annoyed that the group of mostly neophyte congressmen dubbed the "Coalition for a New Philippine Congress" should include Pangasinan Rep. Jose Miguel "Mikey" Arroyo, her eldest son, and Negros Occidental Rep. Ignacio Bunye, her husband's brother.

Perez, newly elected representative of Antipolo City and reputed to be a seasoned politician-operative, said at a press conference on Friday that the coalition's objective was to push the President's legislative agenda.

The coalition is composed of 73 members of the newly revived Balikatan ng Malayang Pilipino (Kompil), the party founded by Mr. Arroyo in 1997.

According to the Malacañang official, Mr. Arroyo told Perez and his group that they were "treating 'erasure' within the administration-dominated House of Representatives."

But in a statement issued by House Deputy Secretary General Noel Illiseo, Perez said the other coalition leaders called on De Venecia last Friday to express their "full support."

Illiseo quoted Perez as saying that De Venecia's leadership was "unquestioned."

He said the Speaker expressed gratitude for the coalition's support.

No sweat

Not that De Venecia's allies are punished by the vanguard of the new coalition.

"We just are not threatened. That Kampi group is a complimentary group to Jose de Venecia group," Barbara del Rosario, Robert "Bob" Barbers' chief secretary at a press forum at the Subic Hotel in Quezon City.

"As far as they are concerned, they're there to protect and help the legislative agenda of the President ... As far as we're concerned, we're all for the President and we're geared toward helping (her) push her legislative agenda," he said.

Perez, interior secretary during the Estrada administration and a longtime ally of Ricardo "Dong" Puno, the then press secretary, was speculated to have launched the coalition to challenge De Venecia's leadership in the House.

But Perez denied this during

PUNO: Told to "see the line."

the Friday press conference.

The Malacañang official also said that while Perez's group appeared to be angling for the speakership, its goal is only geared to "control" the chairmanships of the House committees.

He said the group would not interfere and the chairmen to Malacañang if Dons and the Arroyo sons and brother-in-law to do this.

Divide and rule

But another Malacañang insider said the new coalition was no more than a "nuisance group" although it allegedly had the blessings of the President as part of her "divide and rule" strategy.

"If there is one (Puno and the deposed) are working to get the speakership, of course they are no match to JDV," the insider said. "He will clobber them, but they can give him a headache."

The insider said the group would threaten the closeness of the two to prove to the President as to "attraction" to other congressmen.

"They will say, 'Join us because we can get your pork barrel for you,'" the insider said.

Among the other members of the coalition are Batanes Rep. Alberto Encela, Laguna Rep. Justin Chipeco and Isulg Rep. Robert Jaworski Jr.

Ignacio Arroyo came forward last year to claim the "Jose Pidal" bank accounts which, as Sen. Panfilo Lacson said in a series of requests, concealed campaign donations laundered by the President's husband, Jose Miguel Arroyo.

Fight is over

Reacting to the new coalition's reported angling for the House leadership, Barbers said De Venecia had virtually bagged the prize because of the large number of congressmen supporting him.

"The speakership fight is over. As a matter of fact, we have had a head count in the last two days. Speaker De Venecia was able to muster at least 160 to 170 supporters," Barbers said. "In a matter of fact, the majority of those who belong to the Kampi group will go back to Jose de Venecia and sign the manifestation of support."

Barbers also claimed the coalition members' supposed hopes of chairing some of the committees in the chamber.

"Traditionally, no first-termer can be a committee chair. This is an unwritten rule," Barbers said.

But he added: "Of course, we will consider the qualifications and competence of the new members. If there is a new member who is an expert in banking and finance, he will automatically become a member of that committee."

Mystery

Barbers said he and other administration congressmen were surprised by Kampi's statement that it would back Mr. Arroyo's agenda because it was loyal to her.

"That's what we can't define, or understand, because they're not saying that those with JDV are not loyal to the President," he said.

Asked why such a coalition had to be formed, Barbers said: "That's also a mystery to me. We have the same advocacy. They have no candidacy for the speakership. (They're just) saying that they want to protect and make sure that the legislative agenda of the President pushes through."

Perez said on Friday that the coalition would serve as an umbrella group for the President's political allies to ensure and pursue her legislative agenda.

"We want to join a (group) where (political) leverage is not present," Perez had said.

Asked whether he viewed the new coalition as another group merely interested in lobbying for juicy committee posts for its members, Barbers said: "In a democracy, you can see very active parliamentary activities such as this. Lobbying, this is part and parcel of the democratic system. This is inevitable."

UST alumna bags first UP media award

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...necessitated and the media coverage of it was spotty at best, she put up the Mr & Ms Special Edition when reported on the movement against the dictatorship.

And when Marcos called for a "snap" election in 1969, she put up the Philippine Daily Inquirer to report on the campaigns of Gerardo Sicat and the widespread opposition to Marcos.

The Inquirer and the other stalwarts of the alternate press were ready to face Enrile's 1970 Presscon and Sikhayo, Kuya Lorenzo's Jimmy Jimi and Pete Ilustrado's Vertex spoon-magazine—because the "monopoly press" that sang the emergency soul helped drive him frontrunner.

In 1998, unless it became clear to her that Joseph Estrada was increasingly corrupt, Ajootol retained to the news and put up Pinoy Times, which helped lock the anti-politician out of Malacañang.

Gawad Plaridel

For her courageous advocacy of press freedom and her visionary publishing, Ajootol will receive today the first Gawad Plaridel, an award given by the University of the Philippines to a media practitioner who best manifests professional integrity in the interest of public service. The award ceremony is to be held at the Shaw Ballroom of the Hotel Sogo Plaza Hotel, at 6 p.m.

The award, put up by the UP College of Mass Communication under Dean Nicanor Tiongson, is named after the nom de plume of Marcelo H. del Pilar, leader of the Philippine propaganda movement in Spain in the 19th century that campaigned for reforms and was later instrumental in the successful independence against Spain.

The Gawad Plaridel is the latest in a string of awards that have capped Ajootol's long and colorful career.

In 2001, she was chosen the first recipient of the Inquirer International Press Fellowship Lifetime Achievement Award by the Washington-based International Center for Journalists.

One of her well-wishers was Benjamin Bradlee, the legendary retired executive editor of The Washington Post under whose guidance Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein wrote their investigative series on the Watergate scandal that toppled US President Richard Nixon in 1974.

After Bradlee's fall from power, the late Manila Herald Tribune ran a profile of the "only media stalwart" who helped topple two presidents. The paper called Ajootol the "people's publisher."

Fighting Eggie

Known to friends and admirers as "Eggie," Ajootol has fought battles all her life and won most of them.

After acquiring a degree in journalism at [illegible], she joined the Catholic weekly The Standard where she edited the women's section.

Aghast at the ban imposed by Manila Archbishop Rufino Santos on the recording of ballet in Catholic schools, she wrote a column defending the art form. "When I the human body—a beautiful creation of God—can it be the expression of art, especially in the art of ballet?" she wrote.

The outraged were after that and became women's editor of the Daily Times Magazine, and then of the Manila Chronicle. This was the era when women journalists were relegated to writing about "women's issues" such as cooking, fashion and travel or, worse yet—to technically known as "soft news." The macho journalists did politics and crime—the "hard" news.

Later, Ajootol would bring a women's perspective to hard news, focusing on human interest, the dramatic or funny side-light, and the catchy incidental that would make her publications irresistible reading to the middle class and the rest.

She put out Mr & Ms magazine in 1975. By 1981, when Marcos ceremonially lifted martial law, she had evolved it into a lifestyle magazine publishing political dissent through columns written by Salvador Lopez and Francisco Tatad.

Defining moment

Ajootol considers 1983 her "defining moment." She was vigilant at the release of the ex-communication papers for Aquino's assassination and the furor of her followed it, the target is known.

"Sia marami kinuy, naging bahagi sa pero si Marcos," she complained. "Only Radio Veritas reported it."

She put up a special edition of Mr & Ms complete with a photo of slain Aquino, the rallies and the funeral. It sold half a million copies.

To ensure that the inquiry into the assassination was properly covered, she put up the Philippine Inquirer weekly. When Marcos called for a "snap" election, she spun off the weekly in to a daily newspaper. The rest is history.

After her retirement in 1998, Ajootol established the Foundation for World-wide Peoples Power (FWPP).

It seemed logical that the woman who was one of those instrumental in the success of the 1986 "people power" revolution would set up a foundation to institutionalize a key participant in the history not only of the Philippines but also of the world. After all, that event unleashed the pro-democracy tide that swept Poland, Belarus, Serbia, South Africa, South Korea...

Spirit of Edsa

But Ajootol was worried that Filipinos might have forgotten the spirit of Edsa.

She felt that was proved correct when from its own elected presidents—"a school dropout, a movie star, former statesmen, a gambler with a fondness for alcohol [who did not keep] office hours except at midnight, when he had his cronies trooped out their desks to make money while playing mahjong," as she described him.

Perhaps even more worrisome for Ajootol, the movie star as used to a compliant and sycophantic entertainment press showed early signs of distaste for dissent and press freedom.

When the Inquirer consistently criticized him, he targeted an advertising boycott of the paper. And when The Manila Times reported about a cash-strapped energy deal, he used the paper and compelled the owners to apologize.

Enter Estrada's mate Jose ate the press, who declared him for his rough-guy-with-a-heart-of-gold image. Ajootol sought to undermine this support by publishing Pinoy Times, which described a "political tabloid."

If the yellow press had typically "stripped the girls," she said, her tabloid would "strip the politicians."

And once Estrada was old. She told her staff to go after stories of his "mansions, mistresses and money."

At once she volunteered to sleep for The Associated Press when Aquino was assassinated, Ajootol helped look closely at the circumstances, often gleaning undercovers and revealing his parents, pounding her dangerous beat to a child-free set.

Witnesses concluding Tagalog and filled with astounding revelations about Estrada, she calmed his cause what with the more.

It was selling 175,000 copies at around the time Estrada left Malacañang.

Education Revolution

Ajootol is now busy helping public schools through the Education Revolution, a program of the PMPAP she established for the purpose of...

...her lamenting the terrible state of public education in the country.

...Her friends wonder if she can do in her new advocacy the same wonders that she did for press freedom. But if her work for press freedom was meant to empower people, what could be more empowering than education?

Once more into the breach, dear Eggie.

EGGIE DURAN AJOOTOL: Inquirer founding chair takes center stage once more as she receives today the University of the Philippines' first award for a media practitioner who best manifests the principles and ideals of the profession. Arnel

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Iraq to announce emergency powers

BAGHDAD—Iraq's caretaker government said it was poised to announce emergency powers "very shortly" to tackle the 14-month-old insurgency that has unleashed deadly suicide attacks and car bombings on Iraq.

In the latest bloodshed, a US marine was killed west of Baghdad, while the US Army announced Saturday it had detained 31 people after raiding an alleged bomb factory in the capital.

The new government, which takes over formally at the end of June, said it is also priority days being handed power on Monday, and the law would be imposed on trouble spots and let set powers.

"The national safety law will be announced very shortly," Barham Saleh, deputy prime minister for national security, said in an interview with al-Arabiyah television, broadcast late Friday.

"This law will give the government the capability of imposing emergency laws in specific areas and for set periods to deal with terrorist threats," he said.

"The law was examined last on three days ago by the council of ministers, discussed with the presidential office and will be announced very soon," he added.

The government said its advisers and human rights committee would hold a press conference at 5 p.m. on the new national safety law.

President Ghazhi Ghazi al-Yawar said in an interview published Wednesday that the "national safety" law would be "less repressive than emergency laws but with more penalties for people carrying out terrorist acts."

One of the most likely areas for the law to be imposed was the western province of Al-Anbar, around the Sunni Muslim stronghold bastions of Fallujah and Ramadi, where the death of the marine was announced on Saturday.

"A marine assigned to 1st Marine Expeditionary Force died of wounds received in action yesterday (October) in the al-Anbar province while conducting security and stability operations," the US military said.

The marine base now has been known for days incorporates around of Anbar, from where US officials suspect alleged al-Qaida operative Abu Musab al-Zarqawi is operating.

The US military has cracked out base on raids on homes in Fallujah that it says have served as safehouses for followers of the fugitive Jordanian Islamist, who has a $10 million US bounty on his head.

The latest was on Wednesday night, two days after the formal handing up of the US-led occupation to be establishment of the caretaker government.

The marine's death brought to at least 617 the number of US soldiers killed in action in Iraq since last year's invasion. AFP

FORMER Iraqi presidents Saddam Hussein arriving in shackles and under Iraqi custody for his initial interview with an Iraqi judge at an undisclosed location in Baghdad July 1. AFP

Iraq gov't taking a gamble in rushing Saddam trial

BAGHDAD—Saddam Hussein's defiant courtroom performance illustrates the gamble Iraq's new government is taking by rushing to prosecute the ousted dictator even as a death-ridden insurgency and fear to prospect an image of independence from the United States.

The government cannot afford complacency. But each step threatens to complicate the other and bring unintended consequences.

By bringing Saddam before a court Thursday—only three days after assuming sovereignty—Prime Minister Iyad Allawi signaled to the millions of victims of the old regime—notably Shiites and Kurds—that the new government was committed to justice.

However, Saddam's performance underlines uncertainty, showing the limits provided's supporters that he remains a formidable personality despite eight months in US custody and nearly seven months in US-controlled prison.

Saddam challenged the court's legitimacy and scoffed at the charges facing him during his 20-minute appearance before a judge many years his junior.

Although even the most ardent Kurds party loyalists accept Saddam has no chance of returning to power, his defiance could resurrect insurgent insurgents, many of whom are Saddam loyalists.

Saddam's portrait, for example, continues to adorn some homes in Sunni-dominated areas west and north of Baghdad. More harmful, in case the mass killing of Shiites and Kurds during his rule as other horrific mortar fabrications or actions carried out in the national interest.

A statement purportedly issued by the Baath party and posted on an Arabic language Web site praised Saddam and said his trial will be "a trial of the occupation, its agents and everyone involved in treason or who facilitated the aggression and occupation."

In the Sunni-dominated city of Ramadi, north of Baghdad, about 100 Saddam supporters marched Friday bearing his pictures, waving Iraq flags and brandishing rocket-propelled grenades and assault rifles.

Those numbers are far smaller than the 2,000 to 3,000 Shiites who chanted "Saddam must be executed" after Friday prayers outside a Baghdad mosque. AP

3 US soldiers charged in Iraqi's death

BAGHDAD—Three US soldiers have been charged with involuntary manslaughter in the drowning of an Iraqi detainee who was shoved off a bridge near Baghdad in January the military said.

A fourth soldier faces charges for allegedly pushing a second Iraqi into the same river, the Tigris, in the city of Samarra. That man survived.

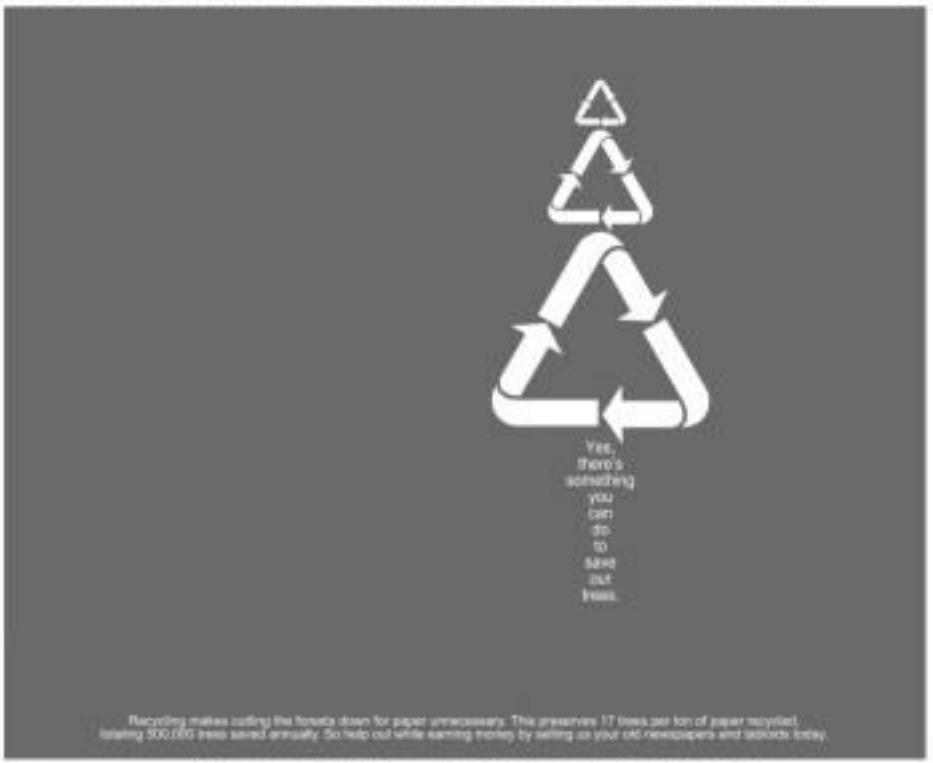
Both Iraqis were civilians who had been detained for a curfew violation, Army spokesperson Lt. Col. Jonathan Withington said Friday. The four soldiers, all from Fort Carson were on patrol at the time, he said. All have since returned to the Colorado post.

Spt. 1st Class Tracy L. Perkins, 35, and 1st Lt. Jack M. Saville, 24, are charged with involuntary manslaughter, assault, conspiracy and obstruction of justice, according to a statement of the charges released by the Army. Sgt. Reggie Morgan, 26, is charged with involuntary manslaughter and Spc. Terry Rosa-more, 21, is charged with assault. All are charged with making false statements.

None of the four had listed phone numbers.

Saville's father, Tom Saville, said his son was a graduate of the elite West Point military academy and "a good kid and a hard soldier."

Saville, Perkins and Morrison are accused of pushing the drowning victim, identified early as Mr. Fadhil, into the Tigris on the night of Jan. 3. The survivor identified as Mr. Nader, was allegedly shoved into the river by Saville, Perkins and Rosmore. AP



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5 dead in shooting rampage in Kansas

KANSAS CITY, Kansas—A disgruntled worker at a meatpacking plant killed four fellow employees and wounded three others before commencing suicide, police said.

Another employee said the gunman appeared to have targeted particular workers as the Greens Foods Inc. plant Friday during the 30-minute rampage, which extended into the plant's 5 p.m. shift break.

Andre Porter said he heard the gunman tell some people to the cafeteria. "You haven't done anything to me, so you can go."

Deputy police chief Ed. Jean Brodhurst said witnesses told police told gunman was a

dismissed plant employee. Porter said the gunman had a conflict with some co-workers earlier in the week, but didn't describe the conflict.

Police did not immediately release the names of the gunman or the victims.

Brodhurst said when officers arrived the gunman was still moving through the building, but did not provide details about the circumstances under which the shooter commits of suicide.

The three men wounded were being treated at The University of Kansas Hospital, spokesperson Jodi Fairless said. One was in critical condition late Friday night, one was in serious condition and one was in fair condition, he said.

Brodhurst would not say where the shootings occurred, but Porter said the gunman started near the men's locker room, then continued and the shooting spree in the cafeteria.

Porter, 38, of Atchison, said he was in the men's locker room when he heard what he first realized were gunshots. He saw the gunman—armed, seeing his weapon—and asked, "What are you doing... shooting Brown Sr.?"

Porter said the gunman—whom he knew for civil not name—lowered down via acknowledge him, then took off running. "That's when Porter saw the weapon, which he described as a handgun.

Then Porter saw a co-worker who had been shot lying near the doorway to the locker room. Porter started walking toward the cafeteria, where he found 28 to 32 people the shots. AP

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Probe says Saturn rings may be eroding

THIS composite of two images, taken by the Cassini spacecraft May 7 and released June 19, shows a wide view of Saturn. The white dots in the image are some of Saturn's moons. AP

PASADENA, Calif.—An eruption of cosmic geysers spotted aboard Saturn by the Cassini spacecraft suggests that the planet's iconic rings are eroding and could be gone in 100 million years, Nasa scientists said on Friday.

Cassini scientists theorize that the recent eruptions evidence of a collision between objects in the sun's "E ring," which are largely made up of ice and would have originated the gas as they broke apart.

"The implication is that within 100 million years or so the rings are would vanish the entire E ring, or seeming there was no replenishment," Cassini team investigator Donald Shemansky said. "It's really quite startling to witness."

Tiny dust-like objects are regularly ejected in the rings, Cassini investigator Donald Shemansky said, they would slowly be "eaten away" within about 100 million years.

Shemansky mentioned that project scientists had not reached firm conclusions about the eruption and were not even certain that it came from a collision among objects in the E ring.

Other possibilities include a meteorite crashing into the ring or even an event—such as an ice volcano—on Enceladus, one of Saturn's 31 known moons.

"Remember, we've only seen one of these so far," Shemansky said, adding that the eruptions apparently occurred in late January and was picked up by Cassini's instruments.

Cassini, which settled into orbit around Saturn earlier this week after a journey of nearly seven years and 3.5 billion km, on Friday also took its first close-up images of the surface of Titan, Saturn's largest and most intriguing moon.

The Dutch-built probe carries cameras with lens filters that allow those to see through the Titan's atmospheric haze and scientists were eagerly awaiting their first good look at the moon's surface and signs of liquid oceans or methane.

A picture sent back by Cassini earlier in the day showed what project manager Carolyn Porco called possible "bane terrestres" on the surface which may offer clues the moon's internal dynamics.

"If you don't see the surface you can't read the story of its geology," Porco said at a press conference at Nasa's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California.

Titan is of particular interest to the Cassini team because its methane and nitrogen atmosphere and the presence of hydrocarbons are seen as similar to a primordial Earth before life began.

Cassini is set to spend at least four years studying the planet, its rings and its moons. Reuters

ACTOR Marlon Brando portrays Johnny in "The Wild One." Brando died at age 80 in Los A

Israel won't accept world court ruling on barrier

JERUSALEM—Israel's foreign minister said on Friday his government would not accept a World Court ruling on its West Bank barrier, insisting the Jewish state "has dealt with the issue by itself."

The International Court of Justice, also known as the World Court, will render its judgment on the legality of the West Bank network of fences and walls on July 9, in one of the most high-profile rulings in its 56-year history.

"We believe that Israel can deal with this issue by itself," Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom said after talks at the White House. "We won't accept any external involvement from the International Court of Justice."

"We don't believe it is the place that this issue should be discussed. It should be discussed between the two parties—the Israelis and the Palestinians—with other members that are involved in the peace process," he said after meeting with US national security adviser Condoleezza Rice.

Shalom cited Israel's decision this week to evacuate part of the disputed Israeli city after the country's highest court ordered changes to prevent Palestinians from being cut off from their farms, schools and cities.

The World Court said it would hand down an "advisory opinion." Such a ruling is not binding, but Israel fears the General Assembly, where pro-Palestinian sentiment is strong, could use it to lobby for sanctions against the Jewish state.

Shalom said he was asking the United States to do "everything it can" to block any resolution on the barrier that the Palestinians might bring to the UN Security Council.

Israel says the barrier has been built to keep Palestinian suicide bombers out of its cities. Palestinians call the structure—which cuts deep into the West Bank in places—a land grab that would thwart their dream of a viable state. The court held hearings on its legality in February.

Shalom, speaking to reporters, also called for releasing 15 prisoners on their way to an Israeli-Palestinian summit, progress.

He said the International Atomic Energy Agency should decide at its September board meeting to put the nuclear issue before the UN Security Council for possible sanctions. Reuters

Qaida group vows attacks on Europe

DUBAI—Muslim militants claiming links to al-Qaida issued new attacks on Europe unless "peace" offered by Osama bin Laden expires in two weeks, newspapers said on Friday.

Governments and analysts played down the threat, noting the group in question had made unfounded claims before. French Premier Jean-Pierre Raffarin said he took any such threat seriously but that little could be done to improve already tight security.

"To the European people... you only have a few more days to accept bin Laden's truce or you will only have yourselves to blame," read the purported statement by the Abu Hafs al-Masri Brigades, referring to bin Laden's three-month "truce offer"—effectively an ultimatum—which ends in mid-July.

"The ruler now is between you, your and European governments which have refused to accept bin Laden's initiative," Muslim.

"So do not blame us for what will happen and we apologize to you in advance if you are among those killed."

Al-Qaida leader Bin Laden, in an audiotape on April 15, gave European states three months to pull troops out of Afghanistan, Iraq and other Muslim countries or face new attacks like the Madrid train bombings that killed 191 people on March 11.

European security sources viewed the offer as a propaganda ploy to help justify future attacks. But a senior intelligence official told Reuters this week there was no indication of plans for any such immediately after the ultimatum expires.

Excerpts of the Abu Hafs statement were published by two London-based Arabic newspapers, Asharq al-Awsat and al-Hayat. Reuters

...in the 1952 film "The ...gles (July 1, 2004). AP/FILE

Screen rebel Marlon Brando dies at age 80

LOS ANGELES...Marlon Brando, the revolutionary Oscar-winning star of "The Godfather" and "On the Waterfront," hailed as one of the most influential actors of his generation, has died at age 80, associates said on Friday.

The legendary actor died of lung failure at the UCLA Medical Center on Thursday evening, a hospital spokesperson said. His agents, citing Brando's long-held desire for privacy, declined to give further details.

With his limited, near and staccato performance, Brando perfected a raw, naturalistic style of acting that was at once menacing and tender. And he came to define a post-war American image of tender with such classic performances as the easygoing loser Eunice Kowalski in "A Streetcar Named Desire" (1951), a biker gang leader in "The Wild One" (1953) and a washed-up prize fighter in "On the Waterfront" (1954).

In many, Brando remained the rebel he played in "The Wild One." Asked in that film what he was rebelling against, Brando replied, "Whaddya got?"

Brando won an Academy Award for "On the Waterfront" and another for his brooding, at times mumbling, portrayal of the patriarch of a Mafia family in "The Godfather" (1972), a role that revived his career after a decade of less successful work.

Al Pacino shocked

"I was shocked and deeply saddened at the loss of the greatest acting genius of our time. What will we do without Marlon in the world?" said his "Godfather" co-star Al Pacino, one of the generations of stars influenced by his work.

"He was like a godfather to many young actors worldwide," said "Godfather" co-star Robert Duvall.

Brando was the bridge between the heroic and squeaking actors, poles of earlier stars such as Cary Grant, Gary Cooper and Henry Fonda and a generation of established performers played by the likes of Robert De Niro, Jack Nicholson and Dustin Hoffman.

"My influences were young actors of my generation that are now," longtime friend and "Godfather" co-star James Caan said. Pacino added what it was all about.

But Brando also railed against Hollywood throughout his multi-Oscar career. In 1973, he refused to accept his coveted Oscar to protest the treatment of American Indians.

In more recent years, Brando's brilliance as an actor was overshadowed by his eccentric environment, the turmoil in his family life and financial disputes.

Christian Brando, his son by his first wife, Welsh actress Anna Kashfi, was sentenced to 10 years in prison for the 1990 murder of his half-sister Cheyenne's boyfriend. Cheyenne later committed suicide, in 1995, at the age of 25.

Brando, paid a then staggering $14 million for his work on performance in 1978's "Superman," reminded reminded in legal disputes over money up until the last weeks of his life.

South Seas stuff

He poured millions into Tetiaroa, a South Seas atoll he bought in 1966, where he spent much of the 1980s living on a beloved island nation with Tahiti rekindled during the shooting of "Mutiny on the Bounty."

Representatives of the French consul in Tahiti joined hundreds of residents including Brando in "one of Tahiti's greatest icons."

Brando learned the only trade more risky than tennis: "having a an empty nest useless profession," he said. Still, he displayed a succession of actors a talent who followed, from Juliette Dimon Robert De Niro to Johnny Depp.

"There was a sense of overturnery, of danger in his presence, but perhaps his special gift" was in a kind of simple cunning. She cited the role of Joseph Jacobi in "The Island of the Nine Nights" in the New Yorker. "Brando represented a contemporary version of the true American."

Brando was born on April 3, 1924, in Omaha, Nebraska, the son of a traveling salesman and an actress who coached a local drama group. As a teen-ager in a Minnesota military academy he was soon expelled.

He headed to New York, where he studied acting with famed teacher Stella Adler and the famed Stradia.

"Marlon was really bad to learn how to act. He knew," Adler once said. "Right from the start he was a universal actor. Nothing he ever was he was actor."

In 1946, critics wrote Brando Broadway's next promising actor for his role as a returning World War II veteran in the play "Truckline Cafe."

Brando broke his nose in backstage boxing play and gained a reputation for being moody, undressing for a Noel Coward comedy, Brando stored the scrips aside, saying, "Don't you know there are people in the world starving?"

In 1947, playwright Tennessee Williams approved casting Brando for the stage production of "A Streetcar Named Brando." He repeated the role for Elia Kazan's big-screen version four years later, earning the first of eight Oscar nominations.

His first Oscar win came for "On the Waterfront," in which Brando played a one-time boxer, Terry Malloy, who rates against his friends and brother in a corrupt union.

Cue cards

In one of the most memorable scenes in cinema, Malloy tells his brother, played by Rod Steiger, "You don't understand. I could have had class. I could have been a contender. I could have been somebody, instead of a bum—which is what I am."

Brando, who fluffed or forgot to memorize dialogue, wrote in his 2004 autobiography that he improvised his lines in that famous scene and later relied on cue cards.

Brando was notorious for his out-sized appetites for both women and food. ("I've had far too many affairs to even think of myself as a conformist, tainted man.") He succumbed to ecstasy by the queen and in later years his weight ballooned and he struggled with pneumonia.

In the 1960s, Brando became active in the civil rights movement, especially for American Indians. He sent Indian activist Sacheen Littlefeather to the Academy Awards ceremony in 1973 to describe the plight of Indians.

Critics both hailed and panned his performances in "Last Tango in Paris" (1972) and "Apocalypse Now" (1979), but Brando was also legendary for being one of his own toughest critics.

"To this day, I can't say what 'Last Tango in Paris' was about," he said. He also damned to have talked director Coppola into marginalizing his role in the original. Ed. Note: to order an Academy Award.

"What I'd really wanted from the beginning was to find a way to make my part smaller rather than I wouldn't have to work so hard," he said.

In the 1980s, Brando emerged from a decade's hiatus to take small roles in minor films, often for large fees.

Just last month, Brando completed voice work for the character of an old lady in an upcoming animated film titled "Big Dog Man," his agents said.

Brando was married three times to Kashfi, Mexican actress Movita Castenada and Tahitian Tarita Teripia.

"He's left of deep loneliness, longings, feelings of distress," director Elia Kazan once said of him. "But he's more human, greater and rarer." Reuters, AP

India's HIV cases rise to 5.1 million

NEW DELHI...India's cases of HIV/AIDS shot up to 5.1 million people in the past year, but the spread of the virus has slowed in the world's second largest AIDS positive country, the government said Saturday.

India recorded 509,000 new HIV cases in 2003, down from 610,000 in 2002, the government's National AIDS Control Organization said in its annual data.

The figure of 5.1 million HIV-positive Indians at the end of 2003 widens closer to narrowing the gap with the country with the most HIV cases, South Africa, where 5.3 million people—one in nine people—have the virus.

India launched its biggest ever AIDS operation after announcing last year's figures, with the then Hindu nationalist-led government for the first time speaking openly of the need to use condoms.

"There is no galloping AIDS epidemic across India," said the AIDS Control Organization's statement, which heralded "a distinct fall in the rate of growth of HIV infections."

On Wednesday the World Bank accused India and other South Asian nations of sweeping their HIV/AIDS problems under the carpet and warned that the region would be devastated by [illegible] unless [illegible] action were taken.

"The leaders are in a state of denial and there is a very high level of discomfort to even talk about it," World Bank Vice President for South Asia, said in Washington. AFP

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What we need

THE COUNTRY suffers from many ills, and if political headaches seem to top the list of complaints, it is only because we have just suffered through the longest election season in the world.

But there is more to the lives we lead—to the first years of the third millennium—than politics.

Certainly, there is a need to reform the electoral process, beginning with a revamp of the Commission on Elections and then a full commitment to

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poll automation. And almost certainly, there is a mandate for constitutional change, in particular, a change in the way power is shared between the capital and the regions.

But our attention is consumed, day after day, by many other concerns, both large and niggling.

The post-election surge in the prices of basic goods (such as the traditional pan de sal), and in utility rates (such as electricity), cannot but worry us. The price increases point to the biggest single burden that weighs us down: economic uncertainties. What, in truth, is the state of the Philippine economy? More to the point, what are its prospects? To be sure, many of us do not think in macro-economic terms; for many of us, economics is reduced to a nagging sense that costs keep spiraling up while our incomes stay the same.

The better-than-forecast growth rates broadcast by the administration have not been felt on the personal level. (For good reasons, we might add, because we really won't feel it unless the growth rate remains consistently high over a longer period of time, say, 6 percent every year for six years.) But the difference between announcement and perception has only fueled skepticism.

Skepticism may yet deepen into suspicion, if the public senses that the better-than-expected statistics were purchased through more government borrowings, in an attempt to window-dress the numbers before election day.

This much we know. Debt is the cancer that is eating away at the body politic. Half of the annual government budget still goes to debt servicing. The total amount is also growing because, despite the rhetoric of balanced budgets, the administration has embraced deficit spending as the means to pay for the country's bills.

Admittedly, the deficit may still seem like an abstract concern for many of us, like a word problem in mathematics that we cannot relate to. The P480 billion that the National Power Corp. owes, or the P300 billion that is this year's likely deficit level, is too big to wrap our heads around. But everyone will understand the concept of higher taxes, which the Arroyo administration needs to impose precisely because of the deficit.

Aren't there other ways to meet the deficit than simply borrowing from banks or raising taxes?

We need an honest-to-goodness austerity campaign. Rep. Rolando Andaya's suggestion to limit the purchase of new government vehicles, for instance, is a welcome idea. It is also a politically savvy one. Higher taxes are not an easy message to sell in the best of times; a tax increase will be an even more difficult sell if the public continues to be surrounded by conspicuous examples of government waste. (How many security vehicles, for instance, does an undersecretary or a congressman really need?)

We also need to plug the enormous corruption hole, through which too much taxpayer money is wasted. A renewed commitment to the lifestyle check initiative (keeping its essentially preparatory nature in mind) and the deployment of more government resources to the Office of the Ombudsman are necessary measures to stop the hemorrhaging.

Lastly, we also need to discuss more fundamental solutions. Perhaps the time has come for a selective debt moratorium (not a repudiation, but a moratorium), negotiated carefully with the financial community. Buying time in this way can dramatically increase the amount of money available to build roads, hospitals, police stations, tourism sites and industrial zones.

In sum, what the ailing body politic needs is a large dose of financial discipline. Does the President's 10-point agenda offer the right cure?

Congratulations, Eggie

SEPARATE OPINION

Raissa A. Cruz

IT is with a special feeling of personal pride that I join in celebrating the triumph of Eggie Dema-Ayonon, who is receiving today the first UP Outstanding Alumni Award for her distinguished efforts in the publication of the Ati- and Ati-Special Edition, the Philippine Daily Inquirer and Pinoy Times.

Eggie is a determined friend from our years in Balikatan, together with our mentor Ella and the sisters Agnes and Irene Trinidad, who were the stalwarts of the Legion of Mary in the parish of the Holy Family under Fr. Bernardo Reyes. Many of us joined the Legion of Marriage, as we severely called it then because there were a number of courtships going on among its members. Ella involved in these romances were some former friends, among them Benito Legarda, Fernando Manalo, and the late M. V. Querol, who were a sort of big brothers to us.

I remember that the Legionnaires once organized a program that featured the play of Dr. Nilad Tan entitled "A Daughter of Society" it starred Celia Diaz who had at that time never seen the inner lane of San Sebastian Church. Celia's role was cut out to be an actor. It was a good thing, though, or I could have been in the Senate today or in Sta. Ana, along with many notable buffoons that have occupied the august chamber.

The end of the Japanese Occupation broke up that ballroom group as we returned our interrupted lives as college students. It was a carefree and yearning, an Ozark hayride era in town, because we did have many fun friendships during those days that are hallowed memories for us ever. They didn't, like many our separate ways in search of our diverse careers, and now I can't even remember the names of some of those who were as close to us before. Some are in other countries now, like Amparo who is a

doctor practicing in New Guinea, and others are in another world. The last am I hope enjoying a restful obscurity in some quiet rural home far from the madding crowd.

But not Eggie.

I too teach at Eggie and the Balikatan crowd while I studied to be a lawyer in UP and later the MLQ while she trained to be a journalist. She was a friend to one of the most sincerely unremembered sitcheaps, fortunately, not quite for posters. Imagine my surprise then when, out of the blue, during the assault of martial law, who should suddenly appear like a bust of Ate, at my own Estrella dining, if you will, in chalk image of the new league and his villainous gang. It was my friend Eggie.

To her credit, I never regretted that this little girl who used to be so quiet before would turn out to be a heroine. We have the sun, the inner compulsion and the inner determination, not of her own alone but of the entire fourth Estate in the affirmation and defense of freedom of expression in this otherwise intimidated country. It was with much elation and admiration—and let me also add a little envy—that I realized that had I never been a leader of the journalistic fraternity, there was never a steady line of that done—who could repose themselves in the vengeance of the new order that would terminate over the lives and liberties of the people with unrestricted zeal and absolute immunity.

It was the worst kind of oppression because it was imposed not by a foreign power or us, like the Spaniards and the Americans and the Japanese, but by Filipinos upon fellow Filipinos in the darkest period of our history. And there was Eggie, the frail champion, living with the ruthless juggernaut.

She fought them dreadful them. Eggie established Ati and Ati. She journeyed to it a little capital, plenty of hope, lasts of trepidation, an ounce of courage and endless prayers. Tobac surprise and the nation's delight, it became an overnight success. The Inquirers became the national broadsheet. People eagerly awaited its release every week, and ordinary citizens found in its pages a means of expressing their outrage over the abuses of the dictatorship. This was a paper where the people could vent their wrath against the Marcoses and their minions, the fascists and the Nazis and the other subsets of the wicked regime. It earned the ire of all such factions.

There were others who also did their part in keeping the lines of communication alight, like the Malaya, the New Republic under editor-in-chief Antonio Abad Nepomuceno, and a host of mom dozens. Eggie herself would have loved the Philippine Daily Inquirer, which became another thorn in the side of the despot and his cronies who must have felt in their heads of many time the cold lead to some conscientious Marcos. She would establish the Pinoy Times, for she was privileged among our people who were enabled at the test of us to know what was happening around us. Her Eggie would be applauded here...by thousands of readers who shared her passion if not her literary—for her journalistic trade with and shrinkled handbreds, the literary, irreverent, and ruthless Ati and Ati.

Congratulations, Eggie, on your well-earned award, among many other honors. You deserve the best.

Follow instructions!

MOMENTS

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

"HE STORY is told about a parish priest who had the penchant for preaching long and tantalizing sermons. A parishioner had the courage to work up to him one day and say, "Father, why don't you just print your sermons and distribute them to us?" Not getting the point, the priest answered, "You know, I'm planning to put them all in a book someday and have them published posthumously." "Yes, but sooner," the parishioner replied with a naughty smile!

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If only we priests listened more to the Master and to our people! In today's Gospel (Mt 9:9-13; Ex 17:3-6), Jesus instructs his disciples on how to conduct themselves and operate their ministry. It would be well for us, the 5,000 or so priests who will be gathered at the World Trade Center, Manila this July 5-9 for the National Congress of the Clergy, to study Jesus' plan to use the instruments of the Master so that we will have a "renewed clergy, a renewed Church and a renewed country." Yes, let us all really listen to the Master and follow His instructions.

Below is a list of what a disciple...any lay, lover of Christ, and, in particular, a priest—should be, based on the Master's instructions: A Representative. We receive our appointment from the Lord, and we are supposed to be afraid of Him and represent Him wherever we go. Yet do we represent ourselves. When people see us or encounter us, may they see Christ in us. We are an "Alter Christus" (other Christ), making the Kingdom of God present in the here and now.

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A Team Worker. Jesus sent His disciples two by two. He doesn't want individual players. He wants a team. Still he wants many workers who in turn are team builders, not six many conservative builders! We need community! We must be busy building communities.

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A "Pray-er." How dear working for the Lord without praying is like trying to run a car without gasoline. Prayer is the source of our power. Without it, we are powerless. Prayer is the key that opens the door to the heart of God. Prayer is the channel through which God's power flows into us. Prayer is the secret of all holiness.

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A Listener among workers. It's a rough world we are living in, and people could be mean and uncaring, but we are to be like lambs. We are to listen to the sounds of humanity, not to inquiries. We do not meet force with force because we believe that God works in mysterious ways. And as we obey, we are patients...and we trust.

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A light receiver. We are to carry no heavy baggage with us and within us. We are to be light as we travel so as that we can radiate more light for and with. When we become attached to the world, we stop and we go backward from the Lord, and out of touch with our people.

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A Peacemaker. We are to sow seeds of love and unity. We are to help form and heal broken relationships. We are to specialize in building bridges, not walls. May we not become divisive, but instruments of peace. We must be agents of dialogue. We should network our hands and our embrace, especially to those who dislike us.

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A Healer. Because we ourselves have been wounded, we in turn can and should heal. Wounded healers! There are so many people around us who need healing. May we never be the ones to call the wounds and not to see our people.

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A Populist. We search out and proclaim what is true no matter what or who gets hurt. Even if we ourselves get hurt. Full of our being a prophet is our duty to disturb the peace and to challenge our people and institutions, if necessary. We should be in constant dialogue and in the lookout for sinners and broader horizons. We should specialize in offering paradigm shifts to people who have become too comfortable or lazy. We are prophets, not for profit!

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A Servant Leader. We are equipped with power and are vested with authority, but we are to use them for service. We who have received much must be generous in our service and serving, especially in relation to the poor, the "unchurched," those of other cultures and other religions.

A "Pain-er." We must be receptors of joy and hope—in a world that has become too locked in the here and now. We should be joyful sowers of hope in the midst of pain. Even in the midst of everything that is cruel, there is a love, there is a reason, there is a resurrection. We should continue pointing to the big picture in a world that has become so fixated on the small scenes.

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Come to think of it, if only our elected officials—from the President down to the barangay officials—will really listen to the Master's instructions, we will have a better Philippines. Let's all go for quality leadership. Our people have been suffering too much...for too long. There is urgency for a new team, a new beginning, now. We have not been following instructions. Jesus, help us!

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A sentence with the Lord:

Lord, help me to really listen and follow your instructions. Amen.

Air Force needs permanent chief

ON WEDNESDAY, July 7, the Philippine Air Force celebrates its 57th anniversary. As with Philippine Independence Day, which used to be observed on the fourth of July, the PAF anniversary was originally observed on May 2 to mark the 1936 test flight conducted by Lt. William Lee on a Stearman biplane aircraft named "Ole 23." The Stearman was flown over Zablan Field near Camp Murphy (now Camp Aguinaldo), to inflict in Lee's being dubbed as the "Father of the Philippine Air Force." Until 1986, the Force Day was celebrated on May 2. In 1986, by virtue of Proclamation No. 58 issued by then PAF chief, President Cory Aquino, the Force Day was moved to the first of July to commemorate the change of name to a major service command. Ironically, the Air Force has rarely finished discussion on the first of July. Usually, there will be no parade and review, but there will be a program in the morning where the activities should take no more than an hour.

However, the Air Force family is hoping that President Macapagal-Arroyo will use this occasion to announce a permanent PAF commander, long gone since the last one retired, the AFP chief is headed by an acting commander, Maj. Gen. Arcadio L. Torres. He is due to retire in January 2005, which makes him ineligible for consideration to be PAF chief. At this point, there is technically one candidate for the post—Maj. Gen. Jose Reynaldo

TALK of the TOWN

Editor Juan V. Sarmiento Jr.

Can a 'new' GMA make a difference?

GLORIA Macapagal-Arroyo is the only president after Ferdinand Marcos to be given the chance to serve a second term. Ms Arroyo's first term consisted of the three unfinished years of the presidency of Joseph Estrada, who was ousted as a result of Edsa II.

The second term of Ms Arroyo is for six years, from June 30, 2004 to June 30, 2010, unless she agrees to a shift to the parliamentary form of government by 2007.

But even if she supports a shift to the parliamentary system, she could still complete her second term. That's because Ms Arroyo could be the President and the Prime Minister at the same time under a parliamentary-federal form of government, according to Speaker Jose de Venecia Jr.

With a fresh mandate, the President said she would pursue a 10-point program, which includes creating six million to 10 million jobs, providing every part of the archipelago with electricity and water, achieving a balanced budget, automating the election process and putting an end to the communist and Moro insurgency.

The program also calls for providing all children with computer-equipped schools, decongesting Metro Manila, and developing Subic and Clark into a regional logistics center.

People usually extend short support to a new administration. But that support will vanish if Ms Arroyo prioritizes paying her debts to groups that helped her win a bitterly fought presidential election instead of delivering on her promises.

Let us begin

By Rigoberto D. Tiglao
Presidential Deputy Staff

WE must look at the past two decades to see not only periods of instability but also periods of relative political stability.

Filipinos demonstrated most democratic energies when they underwent two people power uprisings. This we paid a dear price. Post-Edsa periods were marred by intense political divisions spawned by forces loyal to those toppled by the uprisings.

Military nonpeoplemasters understand that the Edsa-style socio-economic-political destruction they would explore for their coup led the power. For the left, the post-Edsa economic woes exactly the "spiralization" they called for.

Lieutenant Gregorio Honasan was the pap for communist forces to cooperate with, whereas the entire democratic government.

Then, Fidel V. Ramos' term was relatively politically stable. Even the administration of Joseph Estrada was stable for nearly two years, despite his outrageous governance, until Chavit Singson exposed its massive corruption. Singson's exposé provoked Filipinos' massive people power uprising.

Opposition

Much of President Macapagal-Arroyo's government has fulfilled by one of their massive opposition this entire day were—I would think formed by forces loyal to the Estrada-Honasan.

Despite that, the average annual growth of the gross national product in the past three years was 5.1 percent, much higher than the 3.3 percent in Estrada's three years, and even higher than the 4.6 percent during Ramos' term. Jobs created averaged 1.2 million per year, much higher than the 800,000 during Ramos' term.

What more now, with Mr Arroyo's own term, we bring a positive economic trajectory and give to fish out the political wars and destabilization plots will not materialize. Despite all the name-calling by politically ethnic people like Senator Jinggoy Estrada and the hatemongers Frank Chavez, new electoral fraud, discount vendors are deeply respected by Filipinos and by the politicians.

Stability

So expect a stabilized period of political stability. Ms Arroyo will certainly make her own mistakes on economy that stability is achieved, factors her pronouncements on reconciliation, and her moves emphasis on the need for unity as a nation.

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Ms Arroyo has become profoundly changed by the years of maneuvering the sailboat that is the republic.

She had no domestic ambitions to aspire to the highest post of the land. But she has had, I would think, a deep appreciation that she has been chosen duty toward, and that Filipinos' hopes for a better future now rest on her shoulders. She intends to make a mark on Philippine history.

Without the need to defend the republic against those who concocted illegal or supply is to the last three years and the need to placate political forces to enlist their help in that defense, expect a presidency totally focusing on reforms and delivering services to the poor.

Reforms

Expect reforms in the five fields she had outlined in her campaign platform: governance, agriculture, the market, anti-corruption for the poor, and the military and police professionalism.

Even as these reforms involve structural changes, she will make sure that the poor do not have to wait for these to start from and that she expedite fulfill the fundamental drive to provide the basic services.

Hence, her 10-point program, or in managerial jargon, her key result areas: creation of six million jobs, education for all, a balanced budget, decentralization of development, decongestion of Metro Manila, and electricity and water for all Filipinos.

Development of Mindanao and indigenous peoples' areas, underneath elections, an end to armed insurgency and the closure of the wounds of the two Edsas.

The jobs these years were a deep economic experience for the President. She learned the meticulous of a bureaucracy consisting of a dominant employees. Expect a re-engineering of government to make it efficient.

Government

The Chief Executive will set up a right management system that leaves no room for independent bidders and corruption, and that also ensures swift execution of policies and programs. She has learned one of the most important, and experience many, problems of a good manager: disseminating clear policy directives.

Her management in Cebu was a major ingredient her priorities. The administration finally ended the era of "imperial Manila."

She is committed to creating more centers of business and government outside Luzon, and to decentralizing Philippine growth.

The campaign itself has taught her important lessons in governance.

Little stories was given the fact that during the height of the campaign, a Social Weather Stations survey found that her performance and satisfaction ratings were up, that people felt better about her administration.

This means that presidential leadership does not only involve managing the state, but also inspiring the people, investing on citizens' talents, and fulfilling political forces around her to support her, so that her reform programs will be implemented.

By some quirk of fate, we were born a President with a clear sense of experience in governance and policies, and the determination her job.

We can't get a better president at this time. We now face a window of opportunity that has opened up with the stagnation of the economy in the world economy. We missed many such windows over the last two decades. We shouldn't cannot afford to miss the present one.

June 30, 2004, was the beginning of a new era for the republic.

With political divisions behind us, and, hopefully, an end to the kind of left and right-wing opposition that we have seen in the past three years, we can now start fixing governance, strengthening the republic, and pulling millions of Filipinos out of the quagmire of poverty.

President GMA 2004-2010: Creator or created?

By Pagbabago@Pilipinas

PRESIDENT Gloria Arroyo begins a chance by accepting of the nation's historical circumstances as it emerged from dictatorship. President Fidel V. Ramos was a creature by circumstance of turning points into opportunity. President Joseph Estrada was a creature by personal predilections; we were just disgusted and confronted with what he wrought.

President Macapagal-Arroyo, as constitutional successor in 2001, was within the three presidents. She seemed to be the prototype of narrative and by the seemingly endless machinations to win her own term. Will Ms Arroyo in 2004, this time as elected president, be created a creature of forces that put her in power? Or will she once again act directly as the creator, the architect of the forces, superstructures and participants that gave her a 1.1 million vote margin and a Senate of the penultimate of unions subdivided in Congress?

Our experience with her has not been fully encouraging, yet our hopes in her transformation springs eternal.

Ms Arroyo prides herself with having sound intellectual foundations, a functioning moral compass, and wide experience in dealing people, "technocrats and a wide variety to achieve many good things. There has been little doubt that she has ample means to become a great president of a successful country. The only unanswered question is whether she has the will to use these diverse facts her intellectual and her wisdom. Some stress her experience in the 2001-2003 period, was she truly focused on governing or was she primarily driven by what she thought was needed to get reelected in 2004?

Misgivings

Doubt about her choices in the 2001-2003 period was the way giving the country a Commission on Elections (Comelec) it can trust such elections or was she primarily is arranging a Comelec that can be counted on to serve her personal election?

We for big these signs to develop up past misgivings. We bring down up because these considerations are matters of necessity.

The ball is in Ms Arroyo's hands. She can dribble it, pass it around, throw to one of hounds, or shoot it. If she throws she needs to play according to the interests and preferences that helped her win, then the clock will run out on our country. On the other hand, if she makes up her mind that an essential political type of play is needed by our country today then we can all be winners.

Choices, consequences

Consider the choices and consequences.

Security? She can sideline is the way her campaign did by media delivering water, health insurance cards, scholarships, boat-dole jobs, and funds for mayors and governors. Or she can address it as the outcome of poor governance in states, jobless growth, anti-functioning public service institutions, and lack of political stakes to the poor in dire, marginalizing them.

Corruption? She can address it the way she did before by lifestyle checks of middle-level executives, occasional raids in the headquarters, and repeated pledges to stop kamikaze (corruption). Or she can raise it not by eliminating the processes that feed institutionalized corruption such as pork barrel, political party resources in opposition hands and decisions in the bureaucracy and shadowy characters forming a conspiracy of neutrality for powerful influences in the near cash-rich areas of government.

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INQUIRER Mindanao

WWII massacre remembered

By Ryan D. Rosauro
Oroquieta City

THREE memory buried in the shallow of history for nearly six decades, 46 people who were massacred by Japanese soldiers during World War II were honored by Oroquieta City in Misamis Occidental during Mass on June 30.

Vice Mayor Esther Patricio Bernad led local government officials and residents of Barangay Bagong the site of the massacre, "to remember the tragedy besides the memory inside in the hope that they finally rest in peace."

Families and relatives of the victims also attended the ecumenical service at Mass officiated by Columban missionary priest Oliver McClosin in the village chapel. Earlier, candles were lighted and 46 symbolic small crosses were put up.

Braulia Arcadio, who lost her husband, recounted that on June 30, 1943, Japanese troops rounded up the villagers and took away 47 men, women and children, who were executed according to the Japanese's brand of horrible kind of military justice.

"Most of the victims were civilians," she said.

"I was fortunate to be at the resistance fighters' barracks, which is a bit far from the village, at that time," Arcadio said.

According to accounts of local historian Romulo Bonifacio, the victims were made to line a single line and, one after the other, they fell from a Japanese rifle.

At that time a 14-year-old boy Pacisio Aquatic, was made to run and fired upon, and as usher, Benty Acanjedes. Aquatic escaped but died later, he added.

Many of those killed belonged to the Aquatic and Zapanta families.

Revenge

The "Gales Massacre," as the atrocity was later called by local historians, was the bloodiest and most brutal episode of the Japanese occupation in Oroquieta during the war. It was said to have been perpetrated by the Japanese forces to get even with Filipino guerrillas for the gunning down of the Japanese military officials.

Oroquieta was one that Japanese troops were deployed as the reconnaissance unit before they invaded Ozamiz City. The soldiers landed in Barangay village in Tudela town, some 15 km away from Oroquieta (then a town called Misamis).

Japanese planes had earlier staged bombing missions on certain targets in the province. One such run happened on March 1, 1942, hitting the municipal office which the planes were mistaken for town's garrison.

Another air attack targeted the public elementary school campus on Dec. 27, 1941. Two nearby houses were destroyed.

Acapulco, who headed the city mayor's Council of Advisers, remembered that the city fell to Japanese soldiers on the town's fiesta on Dec. 26, 1941. They occupied the Spanish-built garrison near the port and established their base, he said.

The Japanese spent the following days in stopping any opposition against the resistance fighters in the outskirts of the town. On June 28, 1943, the soldiers clashed with the guerrillas led by Army Maj. Lucas Nicanor in Bogalay (then called Cadre). One Japanese officer was killed.

From war to humanitarian mission

By Niel B. Maulana
Magindanao

OVER THREE years of rehabilitating war-torn areas in Central Mindanao saw humanitarian missions thriving in organizational partnerships for war victims through relief operations and long-term undertakings on individual and community welfare.

The government of Japan put emphasis to this in a message that Ambassador Yujiro Takuwa sent to humanitarian workers and families of program beneficiaries in the region.

A major donor to rehabilitation programs in Central and Western Mindanao as well as the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots Projects has poured in some $1,170,000-worth of relief goods and facilities for education and medical services and training.

On June 15, the Japanese Embassy turned over to the Handicap International (Philippines) in Magindanao $10,500 worth of orthopedic and prosthetic workshop facilities for war victims and disabled persons in Central Mindanao.

"I am heartened to note that, together, we are empowering the marginalized people in Central Mindanao toward their self-reliance, particularly as to the beneficiaries find greater mobility and increased productivity, through the facilities and services offered by the workshop," said Takuwa.

His message was read by Christina Talving, a senior staff member of the Embassy's Economic Section.

The Handicap International (HI), a French non-government organization investigating the welfare of persons with disability, established one works with local NGOs, foreign donors and government agencies in its rehabilitation programs.

The HI Philippines unites efforts in a joint NGO in six cases that require intensive and timely medical attention as it did in that of a 7-month-old baby girl with congenital hydrocephalus or excessive fluid penetrating the cerebral region.

The HI said three shots by NGOs of foreign-trained surgeons had responded to an injection theory on Shiki Arbisima Medina-Salen, a Hydrocephalus victim from Sultan sa Barongis town in Magindanao.

A pool of medical experts from the Lantawan City-based Tau Chi Foundation performed the surgery for free. Other charitable individuals and groups have also helped the Medina's defray expenses, such as the baby's subsidized fluid drainage tube, bone tablet and pocket money.

The foundation caters to cases of babies and adults with eye impairments for free eye surgery in partner the ophthalmology foundation in Malaysia's Kuala Lumpur. The HI Mindanao also provides free lenses for cataract patients.

The HI said over 500 handicapped persons, many of them victims of war, have benefited from the HI project of providing artificial legs and eye lenses free for indigent patients.

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Gold rush kills 2-3 men a week

DAVAO CITY—Despite the government's takeover of Mt. Diwata in Monkayo, Compostela Valley, violence continues in the gold rush area, a military officer said.

Lt. Col. Bo Morales, commander of Task Force Diwata, said at least two to three people are killed on Mt. Diwata each week because of fighting for mining territories and pledges among miners.

Morales said the killings are rarely reported and are not known to the public because miners keep them secret.

He said he came to know about these killings from informants within the mining areas.

About a year ago, the increasing number of incidents of violence with Moros prompted the government to take over the management of the gold rush area.

Policemen and soldiers were deployed to the area but Morales admitted they would not secure the whole of Mt. Diwata because it is so vast.

Morales said the proliferation of loose firearms in the mining area could be blamed for the killings.

He admitted that even with checkpoints, intelligence reports always had ways to sneak in firearms.

Because of this, Morales said he would conduct a dialogue with village officials and miners for the implementation of a new security plan.

Senior Supt. Anisa Mosotes, Compostela Valley police director, said for those safety legal reasons, the police force also implemented a new measure to tighten security.

He said armed miners were told to leave their guns at a checkpoint before they set at Sasa Creek in Mt. Diwata.

The gold rush is chilling, however, from Mt. Diwata to another area in Compostela Valley, Mt. Oro Win, which localizes into mountain of gold.

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources issued treasure hunters to stay away from Mt. Diwata because this is a forest reserve, but Arnie Dumma, presidential assistant for Mindanao, said miners can stay as long as they abide by mining and safety rules. —Jeofrey G. Alfonso, PDI Mindanao Bureau

CHARITY

Children watch as President Arroyo leaves Baggao, Cagayan after visiting the typhoon-devastated area and distributing goods reminiscent of her campaign sorties.

Negros transport fares rolled back

By Carlo P. Gomez
PDI Visayas Bureau

BACOLOD CITY—Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) Regional Director Ariel Inton ordered the reimposition of the old fare rate in Negros Occidental pending the issuance of a new order in the province.

The new rate will be slightly lower than what was earlier approved by the LTFRB, in accordance with a consensus reached by drivers and operators in a meeting here Thursday.

Drivers and operators have earlier asked the LTFRB to lower the increase it approved on May 24 because they believed it was too much and no longer affordable to commuters.

The May 24 order increased the minimum fare from P4 for the first 5 km to P5.50 for the first 4 km, and from P7 covering the first 5 km to P8 covering the first 7 km, and from P7 covering the first 5 km to P8 for the first 7 km, and from P7 covering the first 5 km to P8 for the first 7 km, and from P7 covering the first 5 km to P8 for

Robber falls as girl gives chase in Bulacan

BULACAN, Bulacan – The presence of mind of a 10-year-old girl here who chased a robber who took her grandmother's bag containing more than P100,000 led to the arrest of the suspect and recovery of the loot on July 1.

Police said Mazel Nevito, a resident of Barangay San Jose and a Grade 6 pupil of the Poblacion Central School, was barefoot when she noticed the suspect, identified as Enrique Tonjoa.

Tonjoa, a resident of Malolos City, was the newly hired helper of former of Pandora's grandmother, Rosalina Linares, 57, a former school principal in this town.

Police said Linares and Enrique had just arrived in their house here after collecting rental money from Linares's tenants in Malolos City when Tonjoa suddenly grabbed his employer's handbag.

Linares shouted for help and Pandora, who was here early vacation in the house, ran out of their house and followed the driver.

Pandora trailed Tonjoa until she reached the nearby village of Maipanpan where she saw him boarding a tricycle.

The girl, according to reports, then chanted to the tricycle driver, "Magnanakaw yan, huwagito sinyo. Jumvgito sinyo. Eto'y a robber. Stop him!."

The driver stopped his tricycle and when about to grab Enrique when the suspect took Pandora's hands and tried to take her hostage.

However, other tricycle drivers in Barangay Matanond rescued the victim when they threatened to beat Tonjoa up if he would not release the girl.

As soon as she was released, Pandora took her grandmother's handbag from Tonjoa and ran home. – **Carmela Reyes, PDI** Central Luzon Desk

AFP chief won't open PMA to mining

FORT BONIFACIO, Baguio City—Armed Forces Chief of Staff Gen. Narciso Abaya declined an offer from the Philex Mining Corp. to assist activities of the Philippine Military Academy, even if it threatens Benguet, the project could help solve the academy's financial woes.

PMA is facing a serious deficit problem that forced it to relocate 1,209 underclassmen employees last month and in September. Many of the relocated trained workers have retired with maximum for 10 years.

Abaya said PMA's likely profits from a mine venture with mining firms Philex and Anglo American Inc. would not justify the loss of a "national investment."

Retired Defense Secretary Angelo Reyes had been open to the idea but no agreements have been reached on the project with the Inquirer.

But Abaya, who was Reyes' deputy chief of staff in the elected Forces of the Philippines, said he strongly objected to the project when it was first presented to him.

Maj. Gen. Jefferson Adan, PMA superintendent, said he also endorsed a resolution that year opposing the offer made in 2003 by Gerald Brimo, former Philex president and board chair.

Philex is scheduled to end in 2011 its 40-year-old copper mine operation that straddles Itogon and Tuba towns in Benguet.

Brimo had asked for permission to explore the undeveloped portion of PMA for a possible gold and copper reserves with investors, using old patent claims owned by Benguet Corp., the country's oldest mine.

Adan said the project opportunities suggested that the mine would take more than 25 percent of the PMA reservation, which are near the mining claims of Benguet Corp.

Abaya said the AFP had decided to answer some of PMA's expenditures on its own, some of the unresolved problems. He said PMA officials were due to radical reforms being implemented by Adan to reduce attrition rate at the academy.

He said PMA's operational and personnel expenditures have been affected when Adan ordered the cheapest rate and allowed more cadets to enroll in the academy.

Abaya said Adan's decision is sound. "I would like to commend the effort of PMA authorities . . . to increase the retention rate of cadets," he told 200 new cadets on Friday.

He said Adan instituted realized a more cost-effective mechanism, which allows failing cadets to make up by re-enrolling in their course. – **Jaime Cadiwan, PDI** Northern Luzon Bureau

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Air traffic controllers return to Clark for visit of GMA, Noli

By Tonton Ovejia
PDI Central Luzon Desk

CLARK SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE—A team of seven certified air traffic controllers arrived here on Thursday at the Clark International Airport to man and control operations the airport's approach control service (APP).

The APP was earlier left in the hands of Lockheed following squabbles within the Air Transportation Office, because seniors in the agency said.

The seven controllers, who came mostly from Metro Manila, were called in to work in "full force" for the visit of President Macapagal-Arroyo and her Cabinet officials here and to assess incumbent Lanao that were badly hit by Typhoon "Ignay," according to a source at the ATO.

ATO Chief Wilo Alcantara denied hearing ordered the relief of the original seven control controllers and the assignment there of a trainee from the aerodrome tower, where the tasks were limited only to handling aircraft take-off and landing.

Presidential extravaganza

Jaime did not name an official statement whether the new team was dispatched to the APP to help in the approach of three helicopters used by the presidential entourage.

He neither confirmed nor denied if the team was summoned by Malacañan from its duties in the safety of the airport in the light of the absence of expert controllers on the 11 p.m. Wednesday to 7 a.m. Thursday shift when plane crashes the airport.

Cessna cargo skywarder UPS-tailed 15-flights slightly in and out of the DMIA. Antonio makes five times a week flights to Clark from Manila Bonita, Federal Express, Turkey Pacific and the Philippine Airlines pass through the DMIA.

"Everything is well," Jaime said in a phone interview.

"It's part of some misinformation," he added, without saying from where the rumpoard among information was coming from.

Three ATO sources, one of them an official, said it was fired by Jaime to settle "leadership issues" inside the agency.

No talk

Another source said the new team remained posted there on Saturday, with clear orders to stay put, and not to talk to reporters.

But new Inquirer sources at the ATP confirmed Tuesday the duty logbook that an unwelcome source kept the owners working from Wednesday night to Thursday morning.

No expert controllers guided apprehending aircraft after the ATO reassigned two of the controllers from the original team of seven to airport in Bacolod and Iloilo.

Four others were on leave, not wanting to be caught in the conflict over who should take the training in Italy for the DMIA's $30-million radar control project.

The ATO, according to Jaime, had dealt with the "internal problems" since Monday through what he called an inquiry, but on Wednesday, a source said the last of the seven controllers recommended to resign from a 48-hour straight...sleepless duty.

Risks

Still without radar and with no visual controllers aiding the pilots in the air remote of Clark, the source said the ATO opened the DMIA, cargo and passenger aircraft to safety and business risks.

Wednesday's incident came as the terms advisement for the DMIA before the priority list, making the former United States military airport a real infrastructure to the Subic Clark corridor.

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OATH TO ECOLOGY
Puerto Princesa Mayor Edward Hagedorn takes his oath of office before members of the Bacab tribe to signify his continued dedication to the protection of the environment in his city. Also in the ceremony were Tourism Secretary Roberto Pagdanganan, Environment Secretary Elisea Gozun and Rep. Salvacion Fabra.

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DOUBLE PLAY
Children clamber up the netting of a football goal at the Quirino Grandstand, where the Manila Youth Games is also being held. (DANIEL ARIAS)

Scavengers loot grounded ship

By Lelo B. Salaverria

AGARIDEÑO swiftly swarmed around the now-upright Superferry 14 off the waters of Bataan on Friday evening and rummaged through the abandoned cargo of the grounded vessel, but were met by armed security personnel and Philippine Coast Guard operatives who fired warning shots to deter many of them away.

Now upright

The 16,000-ton Superferry 14 had been sitting on Bulacan Shoal in Mariveles, Bataan, after ramming her aft Corregidor at 8:47 a.m. It had listed on its starboard or right side but was turned upright by a salvage crew aided by the PCG on June 29.

Nobody was hurt in the incident, but the PCG was able to arrest four of the scavengers and seize three of the boats they used, said PCG Commandant Vice Admiral Arthur Gonzaga.

First time

Although the ship is upright, it is still half-submerged and grounded and needs to be stabilized before it is towed next week to the Hermie Shipyard in Bataan, according to PCG Commodore Wilfredo Tamayo, who has been supervising the operations.

Off limits

Tamayo said scavengers are not allowed inside the ship since investigators would still inspect the ship for more evidence to determine salvor-caused like fire, and also look for bodies of other missing passengers.

The Friday night incident was the first time scavengers got close to the Superferry 14.

Tamayo said the scavengers were at the ship at 11:45 p.m., around the time the ship guards were supposed to go to dinner to seek cover from typhoon Igme.

Timing

But alert security personnel of the Superferry management spotted the scavengers and called for assistance from the PCG-stationed post, who fired warning shots and went after the scavengers.

Seized from the arrested scavengers were assorted goods like canned sardines, shampoo, deodorant, cooking oil and laundry soap, which Tamayo said they could have gathered from a container van inside the ship.

The Mariveles public market was reported to have been flooded with canned goods and other assorted foodstuff that police believe could have been retrieved by the scavengers from the ship.

The five scavengers, all from Bataan, were identified as Rolando Ombay, 44; Dexter Mateo, 42; Rolando Dizo, 45; Antonio Sita, 37, and Reef Tesoman, 36.

Police are studying theft charges against the suspects and their boats manild be kept for safekeeping at the PCG office in the area.

24-hour watch

PCG spokesperson Lt. Armand Balilo said that ever since the Superferry 14 was grounded off Mariveles, the PCG had set up a forward command post on shore in the area to ensure that the ship would always be guarded.

Operations, he said, kept a 24-hour watch not only for looters but also for any oil spill that could harm the environment. With Greg Bañaclon, PCG Central Luzon Desk

₱3 million lost as Bliss burns

By Edson C. Tandoc Jr.

A 500 fire destroyed seven units in a government-owned residential building in Quezon City Friday afternoon.

The fire broke out at 5:30 p.m. on the third floor of Building 9 (Bliss) B2C Compound, Road 3, Barangay Pag-asa, according to barangay officer Efren Ortino.

The blaze began inside one of the bedrooms of Unit 22, owned by a certain Wilfredo Castillo, Fire Officer 3 Fernando Aldo told the bureau.

It later spread to the fourth floor and reached Task Force Ilocos, the fifth highest fire alarm status.

The seven affected units were completely gutted, Aldo added.

At least 14 fire trucks responded to the area.

Firefighters put the situation under control at 7:40 p.m.

Nobody was reported hurt. But damages were estimated to be more than ₱3 million.

Investigators have yet to determine the cause of the fire, although they said it was likely electricity related.

Just like me.

SERIOUS BUSINESS
A number of funny scenes and umbrella hats peddles for wares outside a police outpost along Roxas Boulevard in Manila.

To catch a thief, know his working style

By Leila B. Salaverria

PEOPLE who want to steal your things sometimes do not just take the usual route of using force.

They have devised creative, and sometimes elaborate, plans to get to your valuables.

To keep themselves and their valuables safe, commuters and pedestrians should be aware of the common modus operandi of thieves, said Insp. Alejandro Carpio, chief of the follow-up unit of the Theft and Robbery section in Manila's Western Police District.

Carpio revealed these techniques to the heyseen as a warning to prospective victims.

Watch out

1. The "grapsot" technique (pushing and shoving).—Pickpocket-shoving rush hours in crowded areas and jeepneys.

Passengers, especially those carrying backpacks, are advised to carry their bags in front of them. Thieves usually take the opportunity to reach into their victims' bags when the driver steps on the brakes.

2. The "bunkusan"—One thief sits beside the victim and uses a newspaper to divert his attention. A second thief sits on the other side of the victim, and proceeds to pick the victim's bag or pockets without being noticed. A third usually sits beside the one doing the stealing to shield the pickpocket.

Old tricks

3. The "pambobolat" (dropping a person from moving forward).—Practiced at residences, the thief eats in front of a person, who is momentarily trapped from moving. A companion then swiftly takes things from the victim's bag.

Another technique is for the thief to step on the top of the sandals, pretend to tie his shoe or drop his bag, then holding the line and leaving the easy open for his companion to act.

4. The "tusok-kalaset"—A technique used during rainy days, the rubber portion of a victim is shoes his umbrella. When the victim agrees, the robber pulls out a knife or a gun and asks him for his valuables.

5. The "bagbag buyer" (dropping scene) tactic—This works two ways. The thief drops coins and tells the victim that he dropped his change. When the victim bends over, he hears his wallet or cellphone to be theft.

"Thieves also drop coins, and then pick it up themselves. While doing so, the thieves tug at the victim's leg.

This technique is used on people wearing loose pants, and can destroy before the victims realize it, cling to the body, and the victim feels his wallet is being removed from his pocket.

6. The "pahipat" (shedding) technique.—Targets are pedestrians wearing the same or simply walking around with their backpacks.

Variations

7. The "tusok" (break) technique.—Targets are passengers who are in deep sleep or intoxicated are the victims who are known to wake up not just with-out their wallets and cell phones, but without their shoes as well.

Called "tusok" because the thieves go over the victim from head to feet, like utensils.

8. The drama tactic—A robber approaches a bejeweled woman, and crosses a scene by claiming to be her husband and accusing her of wearing too much jewelry. The thief then strips her of all her jewelry and runs off before she can react.

Apart from knowing their various modus operandi, the public can protect themselves by being alert and by avoiding opportunities that would make them victims.

Don't show off

Wearing flashy jewelry in public tends to tempt "ano time" thieves, who only need things once the opportunity a them, adds Carpio.

People should also watch out for groups of men who board in groups but go apart once they are inside, Carpio said.

The police cannot prevent every theft and robbery from taking place.

Carpio said victims can help by reporting the incidents to authorities know where to deploy operations as a preventive measure.

Former Malabon police chief assassinated

By Edson C. Tandoc Jr.

THE ASSASSIN made sure retired police Supt. Benny Bustamante was dead.

Bustamante, a former director of the police in Malabon City, was on his way home on board a makeshift raft, wading through a flooded street when one of three gunmen struck Friday night.

He died of more than six gunshot wounds in the different parts of the body, investigator PO2 Jorge Isola Cruz told the Inquirer yesterday.

The Malabon City police, which Bustamante led in 1999, has formed Task Force Dante to track down his killer.

Northern Police District Director Marcelino Franco said they had not established any motive in the killing.

After his retirement in year 2000, Bustamante ran a private parking management business in the city, police said.

About 8:30 p.m. Friday, Bustamante was on his way home on R. Diaz Street, Muzville Subdivision in Tinajeros Barangay Tinajeros of the heavy rains which combined with the rising tide, Bustamante had to get on a makeshift styrofoam raft pulled by a boatman through the flood waters.

When he was just a few meters from his house, a man waded through the flood and opened fire on Bustamante.

Treachery

Without a word, the man, who was wearing a helmet, suddenly aimed a handgun at the retired police officer and started firing.

As Bustamante fell into the water, the gunman went nearer and shot him several times more at close range.

The boatman, identified as Dondo Billedo, drived into the water for safety but a stray bullet hit him in his right arm.

Bustamante sustained gunshot wounds in his left body chest, belly, face and near his genitals, Isola Cruz said.

.45-caliber pistol

Based on the spent shells recovered from the crime scene, the killer used a .45-caliber pistol.

Billedo told investigators that aside from the killer, he saw another gunman-lookout man who apparently acted as lookouts.

After shooting Bustamante, the killer and his cohorts then escaped, sailing through the flood and escaped toward Del Rosario Street.

Billedo went to Bustamante's house and sought help. But the former police official died even before reaching the Hagonoy Bayanang Malabon.

FPJ supporters pray at shrine of 'lost cause'

By Luige del Puerto

CALI, 4 July. Call it fanaticism. Call it whatever you like, but supporters of Fernando Poe Jr. have vowed to continue praying at the Pimpinlahian Shrine in San Juan until the "truth comes out."

Their version of the truth is simple: Poe won the elections and by least by proclaimed president of the land.

Rumbling inside makeshift tents or outside on the pavement, they remain oblivious that Mr. Arroyo had already been proclaimed winner.

"We are staying here until the truth comes out," said Crispin Garcia, coordinator of the Bagong Lahi Pilipinas Development Foundation, one of the big idol groups in the area.

Liberating truth

In explaining their position, Garcia would often invoke God as basis, and that the truth shall set all people free.

"Millions would gather here to hear FPJ proclaimed," he told the hecrazes. Although he could not say when this would happen, he said he was ready.

Yesterday, around 100 of Poe's supporters remained near the Shrine. Many were old women carrying little bags filled w clothes.

According to Garcia, they have been camping there since May 26.

There is a dark sense of irony at the shrine of the Pimpinlahian Shrine as a venue for praying for victory.

It was here where revolutionaries led by Andres Bonifacio attacked the Spanish stronghold in August 1896—the first real battle of the revolution...and were almost wiped out.

But where else could the pretenders go? Driven away by incumbent-wielding policemen everywhere they went, here at least, Poe's supporters have found sanctuary.

Erap country

San Juan is the hometown of deposed President Joseph Estrada, Poe's bosom buddy in Erap notoriety. Here are assured of a peaceful sleep under a canopy of white clouds.

But do supporters of Poe have an affinity for lost causes?

Already, grief has come to a few supporters.

Carmen Perez, 73, of Sto. Tomas, Batangas, and two companions were separated during the violent dispersal at the Quezon City Reviewin on Tuesday.

"Please help me find them," she said, looking distraught. They are Juanita Angeles, 73, and Salvacion Bagtawang, 66, she pleaded.

Perez said she joined the vigil because she believed in Poe. But now, all she wants is to be reunited with her companions.

Lost and found, 6 boys wait for loved ones

LOST and waiting to be found.

Six boys—the oldest 12—children who have been rescued from the streets months ago by Street Pals Home for Boys, a nongovernment organization that provides a temporary home for street children and temporary relief to them.

Street Pals is now trying to locate the families of the six boys, three of whom were rescued on Sept. 6, 2003, and the rest on March 16, 2004.

"We are looking for their relatives because we want to give these children an identity and a sense of family," said Irene Valdez, officer in charge of the institution.

Moreover, in case no parents or relatives claim the children, the institution would file a declaration of abandonment, she refused.

"After that, we could have them fostered or adopted, or have them referred to other centers that would provide for their needs," Valdez said.

While the children are in the institution's care, they are also given education on top of food, shelter and clothing.

Street Pals is currently giving formal education to the first batch of boys, while preparing non-formal schooling to the second batch.

The boys waiting for their parents or relatives are Christopher "Yoshy" Chuinbingco, 10; Marlon Santos, 11; and Richard "Richie" Ulibang, 10, all of the first batch. The second batch consists of Jason Lagoi, 11; Manuel Pamarga, 12; and Judrex Penedel, 11.

Those who know the whereabouts of these children's families can contact Irene Valdez of Lucy Apetos at 925-9020.

Street Pals Home for Boys is at 66 Francisco Cruz St., Marcelo Green Homes, Paranaque City. Jocelyn B. Uy

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SAY 'PRESS'
Manila Mayor Lito Atienza returns the favor by taking a photo of media elected officers of the Press Photographers of the Philippines who paid him a courtesy visit recently at City Hall. The mayor is supporting the group's "Playground Para Mass," a project to build playgrounds in depressed areas in Metro Manila. Standing are (from left) Edsel Zaata of Balita, Ray Cabrera (president from the Philippine Daily Inquirer), Albert Garcia (The Manila Times), Val Raboanero (Philippine Daily Inquirer), Jerry Comal (Malaya), Bobby Cabrera (Manila Standard), and Nonoy Agonoilo (Abante). Sitting (from left) are Andy Pulta (Malaya), Ben Arsenio (Today), and Bernard Testa (outgoing president, Manila Bulletin).

Federer snatches ticket to final

FEDERER shows a little emotion in his match against Ferrero. AP

WIMBLEDON, England—Defending champion Roger Federer won a hard-set contender Saturday to complete a straight-set victory over Sebastien Grosjean and move into the Wimbledon final.

The top-seeded Swiss star needed 20 minutes and four match points to finish off a 6-2, 6-3, 7-6(4) win over the 30th-seeded Frenchman. The match had been suspended with Federer two games from victory—6-2, 6-3, 4-3—when play was suspended late Friday after a day-of-rain delays.

Federer will face the winner of the semifinal between No. 2-seeded Andy Roddick and 30-year-old Mario Ancic of Croatia. That match, which was suspended Friday evening with Roddick leading 6-4, 4-3, 30-40, continued on Court 1.

"I'm very pleased," Federer said. "It's very difficult to stop in such a moment of the match. I'm very relieved. You never know what happens if he can turn it around."

The winner's final, meanwhile, was being determined later Saturday between two-time defending champion Serena Williams and 17-year-old Maria Sharapova. Williams, winner of six Grand Slam titles, was trying to become the first player to win three straight Wimbledon women's championships since Steffi Graf from 1991-93.

"I've just been enjoying the moment," said the 17-year-old Sharapova, the third youngest women's finalist in tournament history. "Every time I think about it—that I'm in the final...it's an amazing feeling, like it gives me goose bumps."

She earned her way into the title match by coming back from a set and 2-1 down to beat 1999 champion Lindsay Davenport, 2-6, 7-6 (5), 6-1. Yesterday, Williams edged the sixth-seeded Russian Anastia Myskina, 6-7 (4), 7-5, 6-4, marking her first Grand Slam final since 2003.

"I will have those competitive juices and the desire," Williams said Friday. "That's something you wonder if you will still have, of course. Still have it."

If this is all new to Sharapova, Williams has grown accustomed to playing in major finals. Saturday's will be her eighth. And Williams has grown accustomed to facing older rivals. Both of Serena's last six Slam finals were off-or, due family affairs, during on the 2003 US Open.

"I definitely wish she was here," she said. "And I definitely wish that I'd be ready to fight her in the final." AP

Lance opens bid for No. 6

LIEGE, Belgium—Lance Armstrong looks to gain the edge on his leading rivals in the prologue time trial Saturday as the aging champion launches his bid for a record sixth Tour de France win.

As Armstrong rides over the 6.5-mile time trial through the hilly green city, featuring bumpy cobbled roads, a quick 8.7-mile (13.9-mile) route, would send a powerful psychological message to his rivals that the Texan is a serious contender.

Armstrong will also get an early sense of what he is up against.

"I feel stronger and healthier than last year. We'll know a little bit on Saturday," Armstrong said. "While it's not a true test, a hard test, it's at least some indication."

"We'll know more as the race goes on." AP

Greece eyes 1st title

LISBON, Portugal—For Greece, it could be a fairy-tale ending to a remarkable journey. For Portugal, it should be the ultimate payback.

The Euro 2004 final evidently awakened taken place at the finalists of Light on Sunday with host Portugal aiming to make up for its opening game loss to Greece and win its first major title.

The Hawks, who had never won a game so either the Euro or World Cup, lose the host, 4-1, in Porto three weeks ago for the biggest opening game upset in the 44-year history of the European Championship.

Otto Rehhagel's team, which started out a 100-1 shot for the title, went on to draw with Spain, hosted defending champion France on to the quarterfinals, and then beat the championship's hottest team, the Czech Republic, in the semis. AP

Tiger barely makes it

LEMONT, Illinois—With a big putt at the top, none more worthwhile than the one he sank on the fourth hole, Tiger Woods barely kept alive his streak of six straight.

Woods was one over after double-bogeying the 12th hole and lingering the 13th. With just five holes to play, the world's top-ranked golfer needed two birdies to extend the streak to 100 tournaments.

The first came at the par-three 15th, the other at the par-four 16th, where he gambled by cutting the corner on a dogleg and left himself a short putt for the green.

Woods also birdied 17 and 18. AFP

Atienza supports Batang Pinoy

MANILA (Sports Center) Manila Mayor Lito Atienza yesterday asked the Philippine Sports Commission to push through with this year's Batang Pinoy which, among other sound sports moves, has been shelved due to budget constraints.

Atienza said Batang Pinoy accustomed sports program for 15-year-olds and below, needs to be held "for sure to ensure continuity of the local government sports development thrust, particularly that of the Manila Youth Games (MYG).

"We need to preserve the gains of the MYG and Batang Pinoy is the best venue to harness the talents that we have discovered," said Atienza, whose wrestling MYG wraps up today at the Rizal Memorial Sports Complex.

Samclyn Noelle Bicerra spearheaded Sta. Alberti Elementary's bid for glory in athletics as the St. Jude Mariners completed their domination of the swimming events yesterday.

Bicerra, who fell short of a gold medal last year, grabbed two of the English-based contingent's eight titles at the start of the track and field events.

Elected RTU-St. Jude finished in hold of the overall lead, with 58 golds, 37 silvers and 33 bronzes entering the Final day of the competition. Mon's Anthony Reyes

Will the UST Tigresses bag the 1st Conference Title or will the De La Salle Lady Archers spike for a 3rd match ?

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US WOMEN'S OPEN

Jenny storms ahead

SOUTH HADLEY, Massachusetts—Jennifer Rosales finally figured out how to win on the LPGA Tour. Now she's trying to win the most prestigious women's tournament of all.

Two months after her breakthrough victory in the Chick-fil-A, the 25-year-old Filipina star shot a 4-under 67 on Friday to take the second-round lead in the US Women's Open.

"It gave me confidence. I can win on my best with some of the top players," Rosales said.

She opened with three straight birdies and closed with a 12-foot birdie putt for a one-stroke lead over fellow University of Southern California alumna Candie Kung and Kim Saiki.

Kung and Saiki, the Bucheon LPGA winner last week, shot 68s.

Rosales had a 1-under 139 total to tops major championship leaderboard for the second time in a month. She also led after the first round of the LPGA Championship, but couldn't keep up with Annika Sorenstam the rest of the way.

"Hopefully, this weekend will be different," said Rosales, the 1998 NCAA college champion.

Sorenstam (68), Catie Kerly (67) and Michelle Ellis (69) were two strokes back at 3 under, and Hashel Toske (69) and Maria

ROSALES has everyone know how it feels to be in the lead.

Juvic pads lead to nine strokes

CAGAYAN DE ORO—Juvic Pagunsan made it clear he came over for serious business when he shot a mind-boggling 28 in his back nine for a four-under par 68 yesterday that sent him storming ahead by nine strokes after the second round of the Samsung Amateur Golf Test.

Silver lingers on the first and fourth holes, Pagunsan, the 2000 Philippine Open runner-up, birdied half of the nine 1-3 holes at the Pueblo de Oro Golf and Country Club to finish with a three-round aggregate of 114, two under par.

Pagunsan's spectacular game left the homestar hero gasping for breath as first round leader Paul Ildefonso, just one off Pagunsan when he teed off, suddenly found himself battling for nine shots going into today's last 18 holes.

Ildefonso, who teamed up with brother Raul to win the National Pro-Am crown at Riviera two years ago, shot a 76 for 223, a stroke ahead of younger brother Ben, who had a 75-224.

Aside from pulling a virtual lock on the title, the wound also did a lot for Pagunsan's confidence following his disappointing stint in the Philippine Amateur last month at Villamor where he failed to survive the 36-hole qualifying with a bland 84.

"It's really something for my confidence," said the veteran national player, who earned his last week rounds of 73 and 72 in Filipinas.

The tourney is co-sponsored by Tokyo Tokyo, Cacorodor, adidas Taylor Made, 024 by Custom Clubmakers, Pink Pixie Boutique, Gigaworks Sport, Bogie-E and Philippine Airlines as the official carrier. Effen Ben, Jamilil S. Nihar 89-1, Magic 85-5, 90-5 III and 2013 B Life are media partners.

The Mahusay and the rest of the Del Monte crew who upset Pampanga and his Candaba team at last month's Philippine Airlines Invitational now hope for a miracle to overhead the runaway leader.

Lito Serrano was fourth at 227, Joel Ojano stood at 228, Louie Cascabel and defending champion Dennis Tolentino were tied at 229 with Satoshi Machiura, Rolsey Jacinto had 231, Carlos Montilla 233 and Kimmy Silvestre 235.

Teenan Talaman shot 73, his best round in three days.

In match Class D, Melanie Sison downed the step with a 77, followed by Bey Tenebroso (79) and Hector Bautista (79).

The top two winners in each division will receive a television set and a DVD player.

More importantly, they will also qualify for next year's nationals panel finals where the multi-titled Pagunsan is among the defending champions.

Ramos notches 2nd international victory

FILIPINO junior golfers are on a roll abroad.

Jeff Ramos picked up a second victory in the Country Youth Classic in Bloomington, Illinois. He had earlier won the 6-7 years division of the Pepsi Little People event in Illinois.

Meanwhile, Sharol Dyan ruled Class C (11-12 years division) of the 10th Asian Junior Golf Championship at the Jack Nicklaus-designed Damai Indah Golf Course in Jakarta, Indonesia.

Payot, an 11 year-old Grade 5 student at Ateneo, topped the tournament that featured 120 players from Malaysia, Vietnam, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and host Indonesia.

The twin wins brought to six the victories earned by the ANGELS delegation preparing for the Call-away Junior World Championships two weeks from now with Miguel Tabuena accounting for two and Jeevic Apao one. They are sponsored by Bataan Golf, Philippine Airlines, Samsung, Manila South Woods and Callaway.

UST shoots for crown; La Salle eyes equalizer

By Triva Duarte, Contributor

IT'S now or never for De La Salle.

The University of Santo Tomas Tigresses are out on the prowl for the Shakey's V-League women's volleyball crown today as they take on the Lady Archers in a rare best-of-the-best-of-three finals at the Ynares Gym.

Game time is set at 4 p.m., with the Tigresses having the edge over the Taft-based smashers, winning Game 1, 17-15, 15-11, 23-26, 25-16 last Thursday.

"Definitely, we'll go for it to the (last) today," said UST coach Roger Yanson as, sidestepping media questions about her shallow bench.

The trumpeters of Jessa Sisco, Wina Bolaso, and crunchers Mary Jean Balse form the core of the Espeña-based teamers, with Anna Elika Palo, and Ms. Lourdes Alcantara setting up the team's plays.

Santamaria is hoping that ace receiver Kate Co Yu Rang will be back today in time for the game after donning the country's colors in the Princess Cup in Thailand.

Archers coach Raoul de Jesus is expected to regroup his rookie-ally line spikers, Cristina Gonzalez and Jessica Hernandez, who were fortified in Game 3, where only the towering Shaun Francesca and Ms. Carla Llagunas were able to break through the Tigresses' defense for the first set win.

De Jesus is also banking on reserve Nicole Rumella, left-handed spiker from Ateneo and setter Elena Evangelista.

Cebu Tribes thwart Cagayan de Oro Stars in NBC debut

CEBU CITY— Rotoming Antolin "Jojo" Tangkay led Cebu Duplex (Cebu Tribes) to a 97-81 victory over the Cagayan de Oro Stars in the NBC (Unicond Basketball Confederation) national championship Friday night at the Cebu Coliseum here.

Tangkay, back after a brilliant stint in the Philippine Basketball League, scored 21 of his game-high 23 points in the second quarter as the Tribesmen of businessman Lito Villanueva Jr., Alber Tito and Pablo Ly-Ueda obtained manpower to the tune of 10 rebounds for Pinoy Gilbert Lumagui, Sulpicio Lucas, Ian Philippines, Malcolm Spring Manuel Flores Supervisor Arvel Medina and Cebu Pesters.

"The crowd inspired me. It feels good to play before your home crowd," said Tangkay, who also collected five rebounds, one assist and a steal in 31 minutes of play.

Tangkay's explosion helped the Tribes turn a 24-26 deficit into a 50-33 halftime lead.

He's the guy who made all of these happen. He's always there in the fourth quarter and he has taken responsibility for the big plays. In Game 1, he [illegible]," said Tangkay, who led the Tribes after their 66-60 victory over Gerald Bacus also cheered for the Tribes, finishing with 15 points, four rebounds, six assists and a steal.

The Cebuanos gun for their second win against pioneering Cebu (3-3) on Sunday at the Cebu Coliseum.

"Cebu will be our next test," said Ildefonso Ong Jr. of Cebu.

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Quarters: 24-26, 50-33, 73-57, 97-81.

Barakos, Kings break deadlock

Game 3—Barangay Ginebra 90-88 (6-2)
Game 1—Red Bull Barangay Ginebra 97-93 (1-0)
GAME TODAY (Araneta Coliseum)
6:30 p.m.—Barangay Ginebra vs Coca-Cola (Game 3)

By Jane Hanawa

RED BULL Barako will rule on the memorandum of its recent victory while Barangay Ginebra hopes to cash in on the absence of Asaweli Nelson in Game 2 of the Great Metropolitan PBA Fiesta Conference Finals today at the Araneta Coliseum.

While he serves out his one-game suspension slapped on him, the Bonifacio and the Go Kings tough it 6:30 p.m., shooting for the go-ahead win that will most likely distant the team for the remainder of the playoffs.

The Bonifacio and Ilo-noise after serving down Game 2, 107-93, in an encounter that could have gone either way until Fabre Thomas stepped in the final two minutes.

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Torion faces stiffer sanctions

BASWELL Torion of Red Bull Barako has blackened his record some more in the PBA after being cursed for an unsportsmanlike foul in Game 2 of the best-of-five series between the Bonifacio and the Barangay Ginebra Kings Friday night.

The 6-foot-3 Cebuano playmaker, who will serve an automatic suspension in Game 3 today, also faces the prospect of missing the remainder of the series as a result of an earlier infraction he committed last season.

Torion was suspended for five months after shoving a referee after he elected the face of Talk N' Text's Jensen Ishiguj during the quarterback's takeover last year's Reinforced Conference.

Prior to the incident, Torion had tested positive for a banned substance and was suspended by the league for three months, which further aggravates the impending sanction.

When he was reinstated in March 23 during the elimination round of the ongoing Commissioner PBA Fiesta Conference, Torion received a stern warning that another infraction would result in automatic suspension until the new season unfurls in October.

There will definitely be no additional warnings for top-40 by one game suspension to come 2 but our least yet to determine values as how long Torion's suspension will be," said PBA Commissioner Noli Eala yesterday.

Torion, who threw no-blow at Tuvera Bengal upon during a released scuffle in Game 2, drew an unfavorable one-game suspension and an additional P5,000 fine. Torion considers a few game foul penalty 2 under the new guidelines set by the Commissioner's office.

Meanwhile, the Commissioner's Office is set to penalize the team behind Barangay Ginebra's dirtiest choice during one of the breaks in the second quarter of Game 2. The controversial play in dispute involves ripped heat a Red Bull logo at the Big Dome Friday night. — Jane Hanawa

Corporate badminton starts July 12

THE SPORTSMANSHIP Corporate and Celebrity Cup 2 will be held on July 12-16 at Open-Air Badminton Center in Libis, Quezon City and Old Megaworld in Muntinlupa City.

Eighteen teams, led by defending champion Shell Pilipinas and Philippine Daily Inquirer, will vie for supremacy in the event organized for the second straight year by Sportsbreeze in cooperation with Bunlop Sports and Team Power Play.

Also entered in the event sponsored by Bunlop, Pilipinas, Quantum Global, Kobra Sportswear, GMA Serial Center, SBC 11, Philippine Daily Inquirer, Bunday Liner's Food and Entertainment, SM Supermalls, PC Options, Aspen Bowl, Pixel Pro, Large Formats, Perfect Cry, Yeh, Ultrasonic, Sportsbreeze 02-3 999 Inter and 101-1 PM Crossovers are Bingo Rosanna, HSBC Select, Badminton Plus, Powder and Cosmetic, BC 13, Pro Bowlers, PDIC, Blaze, Rodolfo La Pua Sporting Goods and 97.1 FM.

"So is the previous year, we are hoping to raise additional to nurture the interest of the host-teamers," said Mary Chua, president of the sponsoring sportsbreeze, during the formal launching of the event at Table Tennis Country Club in Pasig yesterday.

Jenny . . .

Dante 167) followed at 2 under on the tricolumbo Golf Club course.

He saw had a solider time Friday then 24-year-old Michelle Wie. She hit a spectator with her tee shot on No. 10 and had to take a drop and ran to other during into the woods on No. 14.

But she compensated with enough dynamics shots for a 76, leaving her only four strokes back of Jenny Chuasiriporn, the 20-year-old Florida amateur who led after an opening 66, dropped six strokes back after a 77.

Kelly Robbins also had a solid round, closing out the left cough on No. 15 and parlaying under the wire soon and into the top five on six, passing a four-hole stretch of [illegible].

Remembering Ben Hogan

I Did I talking with Tom Boudreau a while back at the Villamor Golf Assn. Remember Tom? He is the guy who can play golf and talk about it with authority.

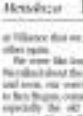
That's a topic of his. Tom and I struck up a conversation that took off from there and the future of our lives but, well, mostly we talked about golf, the game we both love to play [illegible], Tom started to wax nostalgic.

"Without golf, I would not know about 'Al be today," said Tom, who, for many years was a director of the Manila Golf Association of the Philippines (MGAP). He was instrumental in the MGAP's annual caddie course-raising project some years back. "Learning the game has always been a blessing to me."

Before he was younger, Tom was a diver in swimming pools in the summer. A thoroughbred, he competed internal club tournaments, teams tailored to grab him to their side. He never won the national crown, but his presence had prestige to the big events of his time.

He's been diverted down a bit by time. He thinks are two long septal tube fractured his ribs in 'Al Barco. He counts his comeback his second home.

It was his assumption of his almost daily habit of keeping in touch



SPECTATOR

Al S. Benavente

at Villamor that we got to see each other again.

For some like long-lost brothers. Neither denied the good, old times and were, our conversation drifted to Ben Hogan, considered by many, including the old timers, as the greatest golfer of all time.

"To me, he is the best," said Tom of Ben Hogan. "He was the one who accentuated golf's virtues as a classic sport.

The total devotion of Ben Hogan spent brought back the memory of a dead friend, Joseph A. Durick died from a car some three months ago. Sending me the book "Grayson Sullivan" by Ben Agnew as a birthday gift. In that book, Ben Hogan was No. 1 in the world's list for all-time greats of the game before Tiger. Tiger Woods and Mr. Jack Rich first.

Ben Hogan's nine majors is third all-time behind Jack Nicklaus' 18 and Walter Hagen's 11. He tied Sir Harry Vardon's record of six U.S. Open titles.

Hogan's stylishness [illegible] career victories and was on lost By day Our team.

Here's Bud Spencer on Ben Hogan:

"If my qualities define mediocrity, Ben Hogan's qualities define perfection. He is the master of the golf swing, those qualities would be his tenacity and resolve. Hogan was the greatest golfer in the world—and ongoing winner of both the U.S. Open and PGA championships—when a head-on collision with a bus near Van Horn, Texas, brought his career to a halt on February 2, 1949.

"Declaring the prognosis of doctors who doubted his ability to play professional golf again, Hogan made his comeback less than a year later.

"Though nothing was still a difficult preparation for the man in the ring, Hogan was the victor in the "Duel of the Iron Men" at the 1950 US Open at Merion, Pennsylvania, avenging me to his Lloyd Mangrum and George Fazio for the final in 1951.

"Hogan tilted his iron legendary 1-iron shot to the green and then passed the his putt. The next day he shot 69 to Hogan's 73 and Palmer's 75 to win the title in an 18-hole playoff."

Ben Hogan, who was born on Aug. 13, 1912 in Dublin, Texas, died the year I became sports editor of this paper: 1997. To be exact, he died on July 25, 1997.

Tom Boudreau cannot hold never on a golfer again with a swing as Ben Hogan.

"Even Jack Nicklaus, the greatest golfer of all-time, has a flawed swing," said Tom. "But a flaw can be corrected though through a repeating swing that is true, like that for a Hogan or Sarazen, as proven by Nicklaus' all-time haul of 18 majors."

When I told Tom I myself was a Hogan-ite, he was thrilled.

"So, you are a Hogan fan, too," Tom said. "Between you and myself, find the film about his life, 'Follow The Sun.' You will learn more about the man than just tennis."

Of the volumes I have read about Ben Hogan, though, the quotation from Tiger Woods' No. 1 all-time, holds them all.

"I've only started to have things lightening, a side fall past and Ben Hogan."

DOUBLEBEAR. Mr. cell phone is still down so that I will not be receiving messages. I can only be called. Hopefully in the coming week, Pin Pearce my buddy from Israel, will finally solve my problem. Thank you for hearing with me.

SPORTSWATCH

Pacquiao to annotate Barrera fight

FLORIDA is on the featherweight king Manny Pacquiao will invoke the highlight of the world Mexico Antonio Barrera Pacquiao (43-3-2, 36 knockouts) over today on ESPN-2. Pacquiao, whose team is currently negotiating for a mega rematch with world title gained for second king Barrera before the end of the year, will be joined in the panel by boxing manager Rudolf Nepales and personal trainer Sidney Fernandez. **Robert Lagendijk, Contributor**

BAP picks Aquino as new chair

AMA "Boxing" Aquino Jr. who served the Basketball Association of the Philippines as vice president for [illegible] for several years, has been named as the new BAP chair in consultation approved by the BAP board recently. Aquino succeeds Leonardo "Leo" de Leon who died in August. Also elected BAP vice president Ed Picazo, whose team is currently negotiating for a mega rematch with world title gained for second king Barrera before the end of the year, will be joined in the panel by boxing manager Rudolf Nepales and personal trainer Sidney Fernandez. **Robert Lagendijk, Contributor**

Under-14 football draws 29 provinces

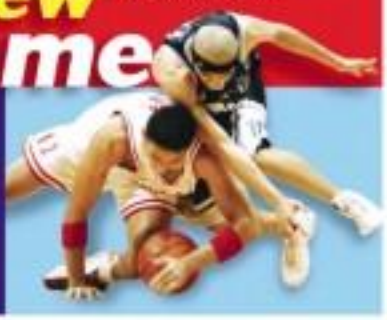
THE SECOND commemorative manager of Red Ribbon Bakeshop and Ed Pamintuan, event manager and the website and publicity man of the Philippine Football Federation (PFF), are coordinating the Red Ribbon-PFF Under-14 Tournament and various Philippine Football Federation boys, under said Tournament, are various Philippine Football Federation boys, under said Tournament, are various Philippine Football Federation boys, under said Tournament, are

UAAP SEASON 67

A whole new ballgame

Guest editor RUEL S. DE VERA

Get ready for the INQUIRER's definitive guide to the battle for college cage supremacy



As the drums sound and the shooting begins anew, there is a palpable sense of expectation in the air as the 67th season of the University Athletic Association of the Philippines men's senior basketball tournament unfolds. But it's a league with a different vibe. A platoon of hoops gladiators has gone on to the pro ranks or left via graduation. But college basketball's finest show is well-prepared as an entirely new generation of cage wizards takes center stage. After relishing their right to basketball greatness, the five-team University Tenancies will be during any and all challenges. Take this from us if you can. A cast of Archers, Eagles, Falcons, Maroons, Tigers, Warriors and Bulldogs are ready and willing to try. Get ahead of the curve with the Inquirer's primer on teams, previews and our annotated schedule. It's Philippine basketball at its fiercest as bodies crash onto the hardcourt to keep precious possessions alive, as fans and cheerleaders challenge the capacity of their own lungs to will their chosen teams on, as the clock winds down and the game takes on a life of its own. This is no video game. This is the real deal. This is the UAAP.

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FAR EASTERN UNIVERSITY

Tams favored to retain title

By Lorenzo Z. Mangosan

SAMSON

AFEW months ago, the members of the defending UAAP champion Far Eastern University men's basketball squad were lining up at the UP Diliman for their visa applications to participate in order to play in the Team's homestand Tournament.

All off a sudden, one of the American interviewers stopped one of his countries and went on to ask if there is a trained American! Inside. The 6'4" forward then was asked if he was the UAAP Finals MVP and when he confirmed the man's query, the Interviewer officially pulled out a pen and paper and asked for Samson's autograph.

Like his newfound fan, it is not difficult to admire the humble talents that Samson exhibits on the hard court. The lithe, long limbed Bajumpaan graduate possessed guaranteed to give a double-double performance with a one pair of blood and sweat inside on any given game.

The 2004 Hi. Inter Cup MVP though is quick to point out that he is not a savior. "We won our title as a team and we're not just going back to back this season without any help from his teammates.

"I can't do it alone, we should all contribute, all five on the floor," Samson emphasized. "To be honest, we don't feel any pressure, but we always have to be ready," he adds.

Indeed, Samson and the rest of the Tamaraws have to be prepared especially since they won't be equal four new players (Garvel Jones, Cesar Catli, Jomee Eriñola, James Baron, Jai Sinclair, Shaquille Stevens and Nick Lashbrook) from last season.

"We will miss their services and it will be hard to fill in their shoes, but it will also give our second and third teams a chance to shine," says coach Koy Belaid. According to Belaid, many are picking them as the team to beat based on the championship experience they got, (however) the fact that they're built the team is now.

"(Finally) the time, we just have to have to [work on and try to challenge ourselves (and our) selves and we go," remarks the 2002 UAAP Coach of the Year.

Belaid, who reached elder brother-Joel's feat by winning the season Hi. Inter Cup with Wise Mineral Water to go along with their campaign's UAAP crown's, said that he and the Tamaraws need to re-channel their minds once the UAAP season embodies on July 18.

Aside from Samson, other returning Tamaraws expected to pitch in are Mark Isip, Dennis Miranda, Jo Ingcasan, Don Tabla, Francis Barcellano and Art Cotter, who missed last season. Newcomers who should give quality minutes are Jonathan Belleloma and NB Manalpas.

"We can do a lot of things if we stay united," Belaid stresses.

FEU ROSTER

Lastyear: 11-3, eliminated UAAP 1st Finals
Head Coach: Emilio "Koy" Belaid

ADOLFO, Marlon	6'2"	G
BARCELONA, Jonathan	6'4"	F
BARCELLANO, Francis	6'0"	G
CHAN, Jeffrey Allen	6'1"	G
CUTLER, Jonathan Edward	5'11"	G
DELA CRUZ, John Nino	6'0"	G
FLORES, Paul Anton	6'1"	G
GARCIA, Jose	6'3"	F
ISIP, Mark Vincent	6'4"	F
MANSUETO, Ronan Benjamin	6'4"	F
MIRANDA, Dennis	6'0"	G
PERKINS, Tyler Joseph	6'2"	G
SANTIAGO, Cyril	6'4"	F
SANTOS, Arwind	6'4"	F
VILLANUEVA, Jerome	5'10"	G
WAIT, Don	6'0"	G

DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY

Green Archers aim for the top spot

YEO

By Dennis U. Erno

UNIVERSITY coach Franz Pumaren is in a happy, confident mood nowadays. Unlike last year, when a bunch of misfired rookies managed to squeeze through to the UAAP Final Four, Pumaren's perennial contenders La Salle emerges as unsquirrel-ed glory in the coming 67th season. Well, excuse me, but by the proper description for this year's bunch of archers. Determined is a better fit. Or more on a mission.

Yes, the archers are deeper this year but Interim Pumaren, who likes to infuse his players with an aggressive spirit. "We're a relatively experienced all right, but we remain one of the youngest. If not the youngest team this year," Pumaren said. He is also calling a spade a spade. Joseph Cuan, last year's Rookie of the Year, Tim Cone-backer, Nate Arcilla and Mark Isonino are safe in their second playing years.

Jessie Cuan, whose rambunctious moves in the shoulder have lifted the Archers to the semifinals, has also earned the skipper's mantle in his final year with the team.

Mac Cardona, brilliant minor in last year, and Junior Joseph Yeo, cornerbacking Clarke Villanueva, Oliver Gu, Tyrone Tang and Jun Cabanos are set to ascend to give La Salle the push. La Salle gains height with the addition of 6'5" Michael Galicano and 6'4" Ryo Maierhofer.

To bring back the dazzlers, which it lost to graduation two years ago, Pumaren believes that one more home for DLSU stands out. "Compared to other teams, La Salle's lineup isn't as strong. But we'll make up with our drive," reminded coach Jack Santiago said. This is the same line being taken by team manager Terry Capistrano, whose cool intensity should do La Salle well during the grind. "Of course, our team to regain the title. La Salle is ready. But we know that the road to getting to be tough with the presence of PEU, Ateneo and Adamson," said Capistrano. "The right path is to take it one game at a time."

La Salle's preparations going into this year's biggest basketball show is going great guns. It caught Pumaren in great humor in the PC Mabini's Cup final at the San Beda Gym. Being a pacemaker for most of his basketball career, Pumaren's in the mood to celebrate. "Winning the Hi. Marian's Cup enabled us to test our strengths and weaknesses," Pumaren reminded. "Let's admit it, the UAAP is a different story."

Of course, he'll admit the time has to simply earn some especially if it's in the Big Dome, as mentioned.

DLSU ROSTER

Lastyear: 7-7, lost to ADMU in Final Four
Head Coach: Franz Pumaren

ARANAS, Ryan	6'2"	F
BORRICO, Mark Lester	6'3"	C
CERATO, Santiago, Jr.	6'3"	F
CARDONA, Mark Vaynon	6'1"	G/F
CASIO, Joseph Ennis	5'8"	G
CUA, Oliver John	6'3"	F
FERRONA, John Julian	6'4"	F
GALO, Jason	6'3"	F
GALVANTE, Michael Elbert	6'2"	G
GATCHALIAN, Timothy D.	5'8"	G
GIRVINE, Michael	6'5"	C
MAIERHOFER, Paul Ryo	6'4"	C/F
TANG, Tyrone Emmanuel	6'1"	G
VILLANUEVA, Frederick	5'10"	G
WALSHAM, Arthur Peter	6'4"	F
YEO, Joseph Henry	5'11"	G

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UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES

Maroons at a crossroads

By Lorenzo Z. Mangosan

PHILIPS there is no room with a more appropriate moniker to the UAAP than the University of the Philippines.

Regardless of whether they're battling the league leaders at the ankle-deepest, the Fighting Maroons have shown a competitive spirit few have matched in the collegiate ranks. However, that's where the problem lies.

UP has always fought valiantly, but its efforts have rarely been rewarded with wins. The Maroons' 11 losses last season were by an average of only 5.4 points. Moreover, only one of their setbacks was by double figures. It was not unusual to see UP play 39 minutes of excellent basketball then watch them completely collapse in the final minutes.

"This team is not used to playing under pressure," admitted second-year coach Leo Austria. "It's a psychological thing," he added. Rogers feels that in order to overcome their deficiencies during crunch time, certain players are need to take more responsibility on the floor. "Lead-ership is the question mark this year," Rogers opined. "No one wants to lead and take responsibility."

The departures of three key players who could have easily become leaders this season have left UP's corps. Gones to versatile Brandon forward Ildefonso Bonnaccio, who decided to pursue his degree elsewhere. Another crucial loss is backup point guard Jon-jon Tabligan, who is battling hyperthyroidism.

Yet perhaps, the biggest void left behind is that of 6'7" center Jay-Jay Reyes. Just when Reyes was starting to reach his potential, the former Ateneo Blue Eagle MVP decided to bolt the Maroons.

To add to the Maroons' woes, two of their best players will not be suiting up during the first few outings as a result of injuries. Center Ken-neth Rabeta, who was the only player to average a double-double in 2003, will have fully recovered from his grade 3 MCL tear and will see action in the late first or early second round, beyond step player Marvin Cruz will likewise be out of commission for at least four weeks after sustaining a grade 1 MCL tear.

UP ROSTER

Lastyear: 3-11, missed Final Four
Head Coach: Aurelio "Lito" Vergara

AGBAYANI, Jayvhee	6'2"	F
ALIMURA, Arturo Ferdinand	6'2"	F
BONNACCIO, Mark	5'10"	G
BUYCO, Ivo Gilberto	5'4"	F
CORNADES, Joseph	6'4"	F
CRUZ, Marvin	5'9"	G
DAVID, Nestor Jr.	6'3"	F
EPRES, Nickol Mel	6'0"	G
FLORES, Jose Mo Emilio	5'10"	G
GOMEZ, Jeffrey	6'2"	F
HARRIS, Alvin Ralph	6'2"	F
ORTEGA, Aldeo Lyle	6'2"	F
PENSON, John David	6'2"	G
QUERIMIT, Bruce Angelo	6'1"	F
ROBIN, Kenneth Joseph	6'5"	C
SANTOS, Abraham	5'9"	PG

DAVID

Unlike other seniors, UP also does not have any noteworthy recruits from the high school ranks. As a result of the defections, injuries and lack of blue chip rookies, Vergara hopes that fifth year shooting guard Ted Rhenda, freshman big man Eddie Alimura, forward Bruce David in any of the other Maroons take it upon themselves to step up the game, people in order to help them reach their first Final Four since 1988.

Among the other hopefuls expected to contribute this season are Jireh Buaco, Jim Fernan, Jessie Cervantes, Ina Bagocoro and Jay Aghagwan.

"This team wants to prove something this year," Vergara asserted.

Indeed, the UP Fighting Maroons are just about ready to shed their image as the heartbreak kids of the UAAP.

UNIVERSITY OF SANTO TOMAS

Tigers in for a wild ride

By Jasmine W. Payo

YEZCARRA

NOW that UST no longer has Eric Canuto del Rosario on the sidelines, some say the Espadafamed squad has well lost its enduring spark. Emilio Espinosa, a fixture on the UST bench for 14 straight seasons, has moved on to the PBA, leaving new avenger Mel Panado the tough task of reviving the Tigers' lost glory. "We're in a rebuilding process. We're adjusting to each other," said Panado, who last led the UST Rookies squad to the runners-up finish.

The Tigers, who tied with Adamson for the fifth spot last season, lost main man Alvenn Figuracion and add solidmen Jason Ballesteros, Dominick Hubalde, Jigo Ravena and Hilbert del Rosario. "It is a totally different team, it's a coming years," said Panado. "We only have a handful of veterans. Only nine are left from last year and most of them are returned. They haven't had much exposure."

It requires a problem-solve Panado. With no deep bench, he has no choice but to hand heavily on Warren de Guzman, Jessel Vizcarra, Richard Ilumallang, Emilio Peñalosa and Christian Lukban.

Among the rookies, Ko's hoping to get quality minutes from Chester Tiarko, a 6'4" high school player from Colegio de San Agustin. "I might start him at center, although he's still a bit lanky," noted Panado. He's also hopeful that Jojo Duncil, a 6'0" off guard, will immediately contribute.

With the Tigers relatively short lineup, Panado knows that he has to rely on his players' quickness. "We may not be too tall, we don't have a center that will dominate the paint, but we'll compensate with speed. We'll be using a running game," he said.

Assisting Panado on the sidelines is Lester del Rosario, who's been with the team for four years. "I know the players well. And it's good that coach del Rosario is," said the son of UST's longtime tactician.

Having Lester around, Panado is more than glad that the del Rosario connection is still there. "He's the extension of coach Eric. When you signal he gives, I think some of them are from coach Eric," he observed. The younger Del Rosario confirmed this. "My dad still talks about the lineup. He gives comments and suggestions drills so can do to practice," he said.

Indeed, Panado feels he needs all the input he can get as the UAAP still is an uncharted territory for him and most of the Tigers. "If we don't coach the seniors, it's a learning experience for us. Our goal right now is to win games. We'll just see where our value bring us," he said.

UST ROSTER

Lastyear: 5-11, missed Final Four
Head coach: Aurelio "Boy" Panado

ALLUNA, Francis	6'2"	F
CORTEZ, Jose Jr.	5'9"	G
CUAN, John Paul	5'9"	G
DE GUZMAN, Warren	6'3"	F
DIZON, Jason	6'4"	C
DUNCIL, Jojo	6'1"	F
ESPINOSA, Anthony	6'2"	F
FERNANDEZ, Allan	6'2"	F
LLANAZTIN, Christian	6'4"	F
MANCHING, Glenn	6'2"	G
PEÑALOSA, Emilio	6'2"	G/F
QUINALUNGO, Michael Anthony	5'10"	G
TAYLOR, Dimitri	6'2"	C/F
TIARKO, Lorenzo	6'4"	C
VILLAMAYOR, Patrick	6'1"	F
VIZCARRA, Jessel	6'2"	G/F

ATENEO DE MANILA UNIVERSITY

Blue Eagles now on new flight plan

By Dennis U. Erso

FOR somebody facing a huge challenge, the two-month hiatus Ateneo always is seeing like a gentle breeze instead of a storm.

Only 29 days after the Blue Eagles ended their season in a heartbreaking loss to the eventual champion Red Warriors of the University of the East in the semifinals of the UAAP men's basketball tournament, Ateneo is already back in the practice court, preparing for the upcoming season.

Coach Norman Black, who has led the Eagles to the championship in seven of the last nine years, is confident that the Eagles will be ready when the season opens on August 14.

"We're not worried about the time we have," Black said. "We're not worried about the time we have to prepare. We're not worried about the time we have to get ready. We're ready right now."

Black said the Eagles have been working out since the end of the season, and that they have been practicing for the past two weeks.

"We've been practicing for two weeks already," he said. "We've been working out since the end of the season. We've been working out since the end of the season. We've been working out since the end of the season."

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ECQUIED Kevin Alonzo and De La Salle remain acquaintances in their July 11 meeting.

UAAP MEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE SEASON 67

Announced by L. Mosqueda

FIRST ROUND SCHEDULE

JULY 10, SATURDAY
ARANETA COLISEUM
*2 p.m. - AIP vs ACU
*4 p.m. - FEU vs UE - The duller makes UAAP coaching debut against defending champs.

JULY 11, SUNDAY
ARANETA COLISEUM
*2 p.m. - DLS vs MU
*4 p.m. - ILSU vs ADMU - Antlers have won 13 straight season openers, but are 3 - 6 against Eagles in that encounters.

JULY 13, THURSDAY
ARANETA COLISEUM
2 p.m. - [illegible] - Lady Bulldogs gave Antlers their worst defeat last season (85 - 46).
*4 p.m. - ABS vs RSU

JULY 17, SATURDAY
[illegible]
*2 p.m. - AIP vs UE - Ranked Perez, Magsanoc, Dollete and Castillo won't be walking up for their respective outlooks in this rematch of 1998 Finals.
*4 p.m. - ADMU vs DLS

JULY 18, SUNDAY
ARANETA COLISEUM
*2 p.m. - MU vs ACU

*4 p.m. - ILSU vs FEU - MVP favorites and former top rookies Ritz Giordano and Ernesto Serino lead their teams to a clash of greens.

JULY 20, THURSDAY
ARANETA COLISEUM
2 p.m. - DLS vs UE* - Bro. Figaro and Melicone spill beans on rigs and gamesaps.
*4 p.m. - ADMU vs UE

JULY 24, SATURDAY
ARANETA COLISEUM
*2 p.m. - DLS vs FEU
*4 p.m. - ILSU vs ADU - Coach Luigi Trillo rankles in eight wins against nine losses. Fat coms have lost 15 consecutive since Aug. 3, 1996 against Archers.

JULY 25, SUNDAY
ARANETA COLISEUM
*2 p.m. - UE vs SU
*4 p.m. - AIP vs ADMU - The Blue Eagles have won the battle of Katipunan this year five straight.

JULY 28, THURSDAY
ARANETA COLISEUM
2 p.m. - ABS [illegible]
*4 p.m. - DLS vs ILSU - Figaro continues against Archers in last 13 meetings since Game One of 1999 Finals.

JULY 31, SATURDAY
[illegible]
*2 p.m. - MU vs FEU
*4 p.m. - ADMU vs ACU - Blue Eagles have rules this career encounter since 1999.

AUGUST 1, SUNDAY
[illegible]
*2 p.m. - UE vs DLS
* 4 p.m. - ILSU vs AIP - Mentors seemed final victory over Archers last season after 17 straights dating back to 1999.

AUGUST 5, THURSDAY
[illegible]
2 p.m. - ADMU vs RSU - Bulldogs gave Eagles wide setback in the second round last season.
*4 p.m. - ABS vs AIP

AUGUST 7, SATURDAY
ARANETA COLISEUM
*2 p.m. - ABS vs MU
*4 p.m. - CCSJ vs UE - Panamin brothers made against each other for the first time.

AUGUST 8, SUNDAY
ARANETA COLISEUM
*2 p.m. - UP vs SU
*4 p.m. - RSU vs ADMU - Tams and Eagles face off in this highly anticipated rematch of last season's finals.

*Live on Studio 23

Sunday BIZ

Business Features Editor Margie Quiniquini-Espino

With a supportive wife's help, failures did not deter him

By Margie Quiniquini-Espino

COLAYCO today

COLLEGE graduation

UNCA '56

1989 a time, Francisco J. Colayco could not understand how his rich friends and acquaintances could lose their riches overnight.

These were the same people, he says, who used to live in upscale villages and were among the first to own the latest car models.

Suddenly, they are knocking on Colayco's door to seek financial help.

FIRST JOB

This time also, with the same.

Being in the personnel business, as chair of Professional Financial Plans, he sees how some of his agents spent money to feel as if they could succeed.

When the well ran dry, they were left with nothing.

Colayco says he wants to help end this vicious cycle by teaching people how to save through his audio tapes and seminars.

He developed a passion for helping people save money because he knows how it is to have almost none. He learned the value of money from his mother, who sometimes called on a fifth holiday to provide emergency funds.

Colayco has fond memories of this Bombay, whom he would gleefully welcome every Sunday for their home because of the candy he had in his pockets.

By jokingly says that in high school, he wanted to fail, this guy because he found out that he was lending money to his mother at exorbitant interest rates.

But his mother told him that the thrifter enabled her to make ends meet. He says this made him realize the value of money.

Colayco was just four months old when his father, Salvador, a professor in the University of Santo Tomas and a guerrilla fighter, was killed in a grenade blast.

His mother, also a professor at UST, was left to fend for seven young children.

But Colayco and his siblings were lucky.

The Knights of Columbus, a religious organization, provided them with scholarships to parochial schools. The boys stayed in the Aurora and the girls in Assumption college.

His mother invested a higher value than most teachers as she was one of a few women in that time with a doctorate degree.

But with seven mouths to feed, it was often not enough.

Colayco grew up in a one-room office along Colayco Street in Pasay City and they all slept on the floor. He and his siblings only had one uniform each.

Things improved when he went to college and the family relocated to 500 Antonio Village in Makati.

Armed with an economics degree, he landed a post in management science in the purchasing department of Procter & Gamble.

After a few years into the job, he took advantage of his scholarship scholarship from the Knights of Columbus and pursued an MBA from the Ateneo.

"I thought that it was my ticket to corporate success," he says.

He became a management consultant at SGV for a year, after which he worked with Benito Araneta in construction.

He was in charge of an Philippine Iron and Construction and Marine Works, which builds ships.

During his watch, he worked on a tie-up with Mitsui Corp of Japan, that brought the firm to the Middle East.

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MITTING across weapons, with Mercy Arevalo assisting participants of Egypt

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RAMON F. VILLAVICENCIO

Much ado about socks

"THERE are two things a man should not compromise: a good bed and a good pair of shoes. With a good pair of shoes comes the right socks," so says Antonio Miguel, president of Dunes Inc., the sole distributor of Thorlos socks in the Philippines.

With this socks theory, the extract hosiery boat of Marty Pompano with Mexico's Xiangyu could have altered Marty's hosiery-sword had Manny used Thorlos Men's Fitness socks. The special socks he's fond of sports). With the right socks, the four could have been a win and not a draw for Pacquiao. Manny's complaint of blistered feet caused by the unpolished and undersized wrong socks, caused shoes his nervousness and affected his ring skills.

Thorlos is a brand of socks that is a product of 30 years of research and testing that resulted Kenneth's perfection in all kinds of sports and lifestyle. The socks are patented and engineered to help prevent foot injuries and ensure foot health.

In the past, sports buff and seamstress familiar with Thorlos socks had to go abroad to buy or ordered friends going abroad to get for them.

Miguel accidentally discovered Thorlos comfort socks when a friend gave him a pair while in the United States. He used the socks and liked them. Soon business sense plus the comfort that he experienced wearing it, made him bring Thorlos to the Philippines. He explains very much Manny Pacquiao's feet. "I could hear pain from a distance, but I knew he was not using the special socks for long runners," said Antonio.

Thorlos socks takes care of seven points of foot sensitiveness. These are against moisture, pressure, shear, circulation, temperature, texture and stimulus. Thorlos' moisture management helps prevent blisters and fungal growth. Thorlos socks help prevent tissue breakdown, painful calluses and bacteria troughs about by pressure. That's why makers Thorlos different from the rest. Thorlos has structured heated models for individual sports. Three socks are sold in open toe, so specifying the special socks for particular sports such as Basketball, Golf, Running, Gar Running, lightweight Running, Men's fitness, Walking and Tennis. Women's Fitness, Dress and Casual.

Thorlos was started in 1960, when Jim Throneburg's parents, Lyle (a the President of Thor Inc.), Mable and Lewis began producing basic socks for the military from a small mill in Statesville, North Carolina. Throneburg (Thorlos) established itself as a quality-driven supplier.

When Jim became the company's president in 1976, his vision was to design and produce functional socks of the highest quality. In the late 70's, an extensive research and development program began to develop the idea of specific socks for specific sports and activities. These uniquely constructed "optimal" of foot protection have since become that they were awarded numerous patents.

In the early 90's, Jim designed his company name to Thor-Lo Inc.

Thorlos socks are available at Rustan's, Planet Sports, Rogue Running Stores, The Athlete's Foot, The Shoe Shop and Tokyo Bay Inquiries, call 671-9000 to 04.

From garage sales to furniture venture

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

FOR most of her life, Anna Montinola was happy to be simply referred to as the daughter of the late famous basket maker Aurelio Pettquet Jr.

She still is.

But since early last year when she finally made a full-scale business out of her talent for weaving cane furniture and designing her own, Anna Maria is slowly building a reputation as one of the best artisans in the highly competitive industry.

Petiquet developed her taste under the close supervision of her late mother, Mary Anne Ermel, who made it her duty to expose her five daughters to the finer in the arts and culture.

Weaving for fashion were the favorite pastime of the family. There espoused her to the different cultures and approaches to dressing up a home.

Petiquet's youngest daughter applied what she learned when she was tasked designing her own. Most of the functions held in the Petiquet home. She supervised everything from catering to the table settings.

Her father hosted many functions as he dealt regularly with foreign buyers of his products and foreign dignitaries as part of his responsibilities as president of the influential Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

"My father also put me in charge of inventory. I was only 19 and another painted army in 1991. I used to organize things," Petiquet says.

She equally enjoyed discovering her own home, giving full vent to her creative flair.

Petiquet eventually updated the look of her house and she got rid of her old furniture pieces by holding an annual "white elephant" sale among friends, starting in 1998.

Her friends barky enough to be invited to these sales, and quickly snapped up her products, so much so that before she knew it, she was holding the sale four times

PETIQUET

in a year. And still her friends begged for more.

Her friends' frustration over having to wait months before they got their pieces from her gave the to the idea of putting up her own furniture store.

Petiquet says her friends convinced her that a store would do well in the city. It was a good chance that ordi nary people were looking for her kind of furniture.

She was not too enthusiastic about the idea at the start as she had her hands full running the Aurelio Petiquet Jr. Foundation, which gives out the Aurelio Petiquet Jr. Business Leadership Awards and holds the London-fashioned Seminar Series catalogue host.

The former stock sector representative in the 10th Congress of the House of Representatives was also active in the socio-civic circles, serving on the board of the Philippine National Red Cross from 1998-2001.

It was only when a friend offered to invest his hard-earned money to help her get started that she changed her mind.

"He was one of my friends who went to the sales. He said he wanted to be an investor because he believed in me and in what I could do. That gave me courage to pursue the business," she says.

PINOY ENTREPRENEUR

This in March last year. Anna Marie Home opened its doors to the furniture loving public.

Anna Marie takes care of the creative side of the business. She goes on buying trips here and abroad to personally choose the products that go into the store. At the same time, she designs her own multi-purpose furniture pieces.

A room cabinet in her store, for instance, could be easily converted to an ordinary cabinet with just a change in the shelves, while a Chinese chest can double as a coffee table.

"My goal is to ensure the message that making a good home involves be expensive. I like to prove to my pieces as affordable high-end products," she says.

Which is not to say that she has totally turned her back on her social work. In fact, it makes one wonder how she could take care of her business and her married responsibilities at the same time.

Petiquet was elected as corporate secretary of PCCI this year, making her the youngest to be elected to the board. Prior to her election, she was chair and founder of the Young Executives Business Club of the PCCI.

She is also the business sector representative of both the Out of School Children and Youth Development Project of the Children and Youth Foundation, and the National Coordinating Council of the Salapi-Schools Program.

Despite her busy schedule, Petiquet finds time for her business, saying that it keeps me her "sail calm."

And as her friends predicted, Anna Marie Home has developed a loyal following especially among the well-heeled who are looking for unobtrusive yet beautiful pieces of furniture.

Seeing her clients walk away from the store knowing that they got what they paid for gives Petiquet a sense of fulfillment. "I am happy to give them what they need to live with."

"There is some insecurity to be here because I can't help thinking that people approach me because I am the daughter of Petiquet," she says. "That here, I am not just the daughter. I would like to think that I am doing something of my own," Petiquet adds.

Two-year-old hotel enjoys good business

FRASER Place Serviced Residences just completed their second year of operations in the Philippines with a list of awards to celebrate.

During healthy occupancy rates, Fraser Place is set to open additional units to complete their inventory of 11 (January 2, 3, or 4 bedroom suites with balconies), including 4 suites with sky gardens, and three penthouse suites on the 42nd floor offering a 360-degree view of the city.

"We have been enjoying about 99 percent occupancy from January 2003 to date," said Gilles Haag, General Manager of Fraser Place Manila. "Last year, our average occupancy was 76 percent. It was good but we've been remembering the many weather forces and the SARS epidemic which had a dramatic effect on tourism around the region."

Located in Salcedo Village, Makati City, in the heart of the country's dynamic financial district, Fraser Place Manila is perfectly suited for the residence of choice for top bracket long-staying expatriate executives of multinational companies.

In an industry vying for the competencies on guests and tourists market, Being exploits the resources for Fraser's achievement success.

"Long-staying guests come to us for the larger space, tight security measures and well-out residential services that make their stay in the Philippines as much more pleasant and comfortable," said Haag.

Fraser's luxuriously sized apartments still boast the most generous floor space in any deluxe apartment of its kind in the market with floor spaces ranging from 109 to 320 square meters.

Fraser Place's guests composed of 50 percent expatriates and 50 percent businessmen, scientists or an inner segment is their minds. A key card system gives the cardholder safe access to the resident's floor including the elevators while a log records the movement of each cardholder's key card.

All building doors are locked at 10:00 p.m. and entry is tightly monitored after this time. As an added convenience, Fraser also has the only shuttle service that brings guests around the business and entertainment areas of Makati.

Fraser Place is also very conscious to meet Filipinos when it was launched two years ago. Fraser has successfully created a niche for their gold standard service and attention.

"We have developed a Fraser signature brand that is consistent with all the properties. The hardware is something that anybody can copy but it's the software that makes the difference" said Haag.

"The example, as company manager who is being moved to their has chosen to stay at the Fraser Suites in Metro because he knows that he will be getting the same type of service as he had experienced here. That is the reason we invest in our employees and send them to many seminars around the world to bring back inspiration to the Fraser standards," added Haag.

Fraser Place Manila employees have been sent on training trips to London, Paris, Singapore and Sydney.

Fraser Residences is currently launched the Fraser Cove Subic resort. The resort, given to company president and Credit Officer, Mark Wilson Santiago, goes to the employee who consistently exemplifies and manifests the company's core values of commitment, innovation, integrity and responsiveness.

Fraser Serviced Residences, with properties in Singapore, Brisbane, London, Paris and a boutique resort in Thailand, is expanding and is set to open in Shenzhen later this year... other Fraser developments include Beijing, Guangzhou, Shanghai and Sydney.

Helping build a better RP

ADVANCED for good business does not always come from profitable transactions. Many successful businesses and successful managers, sometimes, a company gets the same amount of fulfillment from other invaluable assistance.

The fields are for Filipino Shell Petroleum Corporation. The company believes that its fuels known sets of concern and government would contribute to the country's sustainable development of SD.

Building communities build better lives is a significant part of the concept of SD. It aims to inspire the best performance to work not only for their present needs and wants but also, build a good future as well. According to Valentine Sierra, Sustainable Development Manager, people and

communities gain pride and strength from their own achievements. "This normally makes them more able to carry out the program by themselves and make it successful because in the end, it's for their own benefit. By empowering them, we make the program more effective, and sustainable."

Seven principles

Sierra expressed that in helping contribute to SD, Shell is guided by Seven Principles, which help exercise the economic, social and environmental considerations an integrated in implementing programs that meet their own expectations and its direct beneficiaries. Conducting profitable delivering value to customers, preserving the environment, managing natural resources, respect and protect people, contributing and working in harmony with communities are among the 7 principles that shape the goals and objectives of Shell's initiatives.

Each principle is deemed beneficial to both business and communities because it mobilizes projects according to purpose and target results.

Programs of substance

Despite its size in the oil industry worldwide, Shell's active involvement in socially relevant endeavors has always been without much fanfare.

The success of its numerous community-based Gasoline programs has benefited many Filipinos but Shell remains modest about their efforts.

As Sierra puts it, " We know and recognize that we have done a lot but we are not be humble enough to acknowledge that there is so much more that needs to be done."

Even then, Shell takes pride in the contributions of its corporate foundations, Pilipinas Shell Foundation, Inc. (PSFI), to social developments.

PSFI has benefited over 400,000 people all over the country since it was instituted 30 years ago. Over 100 of school youth, farmers, teachers, scientists and even the unemployed, it has reached out to make Filipinos through its livelihood training programs.

Other programs include agricultural, technical and skills training that so farmers rewarded into guarantee beneficiaries employment, "We provide a complete program. We train our foundation scholars and them, help them get employed through our partnerships with government agencies and other private companies."

Shell also helped cultivate 90 grass artistry among young ar-

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With a supportive wife's help . . .

MARY Ann and Francisco Colayco (standing, center) with sons-in-law Ronnie (left) and Perry Cuevas. Seated are the three daughters, Ina, Cecile and Lia.

COLAYCO'S advocacy to save is embodied in his newly-released book.

Asked San Francisco project.

That Lina, there were no more untoward incidents. The project was finished and the investors finally got the returns they long sought for.

After that, Colayco went his own way.

"In this day he says he is more of his true vocation, always. He bought a piece of property in Bel-Air Village in Makati with his own money and sold it for a handsome profit.

He has finally started to earn. He has also started to do something he says he made, Colayco says he was always honest with the bankers, in the same way he has always been with his investors. He says he is proud of that.

He encourages other people to do the same.

Colayco adds that those days, he practices what he preaches about savings.

He makes sure that a part of his earnings comes from "passive" income (income from investments like bank deposits, trust funds and government securities).

He says that if he practiced this habit 10 years ago, "I would have 10 times more money."

Now, he's working on making more people practice this formula. Industry will be consumed in his book, especially his three daughters.

Looking back, he says he would not have been able to make it through his life's many ups and downs were it not for his wife who supported him all the way.

"A lot of the credit goes to my wife. From the start we agreed that she'll take a secure job and I will take the high-risk one, so that we wouldn't worry about food. My biggest struggle is when [she] signed and her attitude."

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In-flight Internet, wellness at touchdown, Shanghai finds

By Sandra Garcia
Contributor

TRAVEL for today's business traveller is certainly a luxury. Fly can avail of a variety of special business class flight deals, enjoy in-flight internet service and flight in-flight comfort's able while at his hotel's spa treatment hotels now offer spa services.

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Shopping in Shanghai

Shopping for the freshest and leisure travelers in Shanghai is indeed one great experience. There are shops in every corner of the city (readily there is Nanjing, Pudong, Huaihai, Hongkou and Jingling roads. Popular and regarded as one top class that offer a variety of shopping finds. Pudong Road is known for 100-year old bookstores and stationery shops. Huaihai has 400 stores and shops. Nanjing Road, the busiest shopping center and accessible to pedestrians only, has 600 shops which include the Old Arts Wonders & Silk Bureau Shop, Hongzheng Western Style Company and Hongqiang Industrial Co.

For the fashionistas, it's the trendy shops on Hunting Road, Fuxinglu, Xintiandi, jade, bazaar, paintings for hiding ceiling rugby and writing brushes, ink sticks, paper and ink stone can be found in the shops along Dongtai Road.

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Sunday LIFESTYLE

Why I should win best in national costume

Donned in anything from the Spanish skirt to the Japanese kimono and Turkish harem chic, I am a walking United Nations

TESSA!

Jessa Peneyra-Valdez

GLOBAL dressing has arrived. The contemporary style of street apparel has been inspired by traditional theme, national costumes and so many other new influences. Although Chinese-style dressing has become a common style, here exemplified by my sister **Sandy** and

PHOTO 11

!!! NEXT look: Japanese hairdo wigs

PRETTY Diane Alonso and Angi Sabarias

BEJEWELED Hilda Dudong and Joan Rufer

BOCELLI producer and fan Lolo Ruby Arenas, and my Spanish Flamenco look

ENTERPRISING couple Steve and Loi Si

FASHION friends Gerry Kanghak and Alva Tan

MAJESTIC chair Maria Price and Sen. Dick Gordon

Why I should win best in national costume

BILLY'S DIAMOND class photo...including me!

movies like "Mano Po," other traditional sentiments are also catching on.

Last week alone, I had three events where I got to don outfits from all corners of the world. In the rest of the week, I felt like a delegate to the United Nations. If that post were to be offered to me, I would say it's premature for me to be in world affairs and foster relations. But then again, I would probably cause numerous diplomatic faux pas by being late for every meeting. I guess I will just stick to low notches and low profile affairs.

The first occasion was the opening of Grandi Restaurant by Gourdoh. I let the owner of the old Mexican Bar on the Bonifacio Strip. The place has been cleverly transformed into a classy bar and restaurant, with accents and décor influenced by the first-time design of Spanish architect Antonio Gaudi, who designed the wonderfully ethereal and awe-inspiring La Sagrada Familia cathedral in Barcelona.

Gaudi's outdoor deck has a magnificent view of the Makati skyline, which we used to enjoy with an all-day breakfast with my lifesaver senior buddy Raven Bautista. Now the deck still has the same view, but is now cozier—darkish and slightly—so much so that while contemplating the Basque roots of the Ayalas.

Ironically, I was also one of the guests of honor of Bautista and crew Gaudi. Same place, new owner. I had to quickly brush up my feeble Español lingo because right next to me were Spanish Ambassador Ignacio Sagaz. Boss! I was just in Spain for my cousin's wedding. I told him how I realized that there is no family in-law for de Bilbao. Apparently, it's a Filipino term, like Pesado fans, which aren't really French manners but a globalized Jollibee emotion. At least, that's what my Lola thinks.

FAVORITE designers Mari Edu, Patrick Ramos Diaz and Dennis Lunetta

Investor man Maurice Arcache with Johnny Litton and Doris Ng

KIMONO inspection by Vic Barba, Randy Ortiz and Tanaka Hanson

The private conversation

Lately, I've been rather delinquent in attending my Flamenco classes, but I have made full for one of my Spanish outfits for upcoming gala this. I actually earned the look from the night before when I taped an episode of "Private Conversations" with the rock diva herself, Boy Abunda. Together with MAJE chef Melissa Simon and Cosmetics expert Cookie Dorian, we were interviewed for the "Paint the Town Red" small events of MAJE. The major bank currently has their advertising promotions that makes it possible for a free food and manicure to win a shopping spree. It usually for their target market and a holiday weekend in The Peninsula Manila.

Always a quick rub. Boy has a savvy way of interjecting very unobtrusive to any topic. The conversation went on diverse and intriguing. I am sure to get into trouble again with our conversation TV viewers. But the experience taught me to respect in style over-under pressure. Well done, around, I would want Boy to put me a list of his questions before the show!

The HERE Bed card is solely his woman, but that evening, I advise Sotheby's to accept Boy to be an honorary member. Perhaps his card will be called the Pink card instead! This is the second time I have been featured in his show and each episode was so enjoyable to do. In two weeks on both will be hosting part of the Film Academy awards night. That will surely be hilarious as we do a Rudy Rivera-style gig on what the actors and actresses are wearing as they outlay down the red carpet.

Kabuki fiasco

Coming back to global dressing, my next-event was a tribute to the traditional Kabuki Emperor costume. For some strange reason, I attended the talk for a lesson in Kabuki make-up, where the face is swallowed snow-white with dramatic red-lined lips presenting the utmost. But I knew I'm sure I was researching ingenious as I came in a kimono. Organizer Ige Ramos even made me feel like a "special appearance" guest of honor.

Little did I know my kimono was worn the wrong way! Mayumi Nakayama, a notable mestiza kabuki costume designer, told me the proper way a kimono is worn is with the left lapel over the right. I had it the other way, which is apparently appropriate for a dead person! Speaking of dead fashion faux pas!

Kabuki is one of the three major classical theaters in Japan. Originally it was written with different characters that are "sliced" or out of balance. In early history, kabuki had more to communicate with vaudeville and burlesque. If I were Japanese in that era, I think I would be in Kabuki stage screens disguised as a man (all female roles are played by male actors).

Take this, Sarah

From the Spanish Flamenco to the Japanese kimono, I transformed into an Arabian harem dancer for the spectacular concert of Sarah Brightman. My last belly-dancing memories, Maryanne Lamers, invited my husband and I to watch the British classical pop singer who performed on an elaborate hydraulic stage with extravagant costumes and dramatic lighting.

Astounding special effects like red petals blowing while the songstress was swinging 30 feet above the stage were even more amazing when complemented with her mesmerizing operatic voice. The concert was 100% entertainment and more enjoyable than the Andrea Bocelli one, primarily because of the costumes.

Sarah Brightman's theater background is clearly seen in songs like "Time to Say Goodbye." She was discovered by, and eventually married, Andrew Lloyd Webber, who wrote the role of Celeste in "Phantom of the Opera" for her, which catapulted her to the stratosphere of operatic fame.

My whole belly-dancing class led by our harem goddess teacher Gleaguine Grey came in full costumes, so it seemed like we were all part of the show. I'm sure Sarah Patrice Kennedy Diaz, her wedding my golden harem outfit that evening.

Disclaimer: great outfits over a weak arena encounter! I think not, especially when compared to the Sarah Brightman's costume changes over a one night show. She had every outfit to over the course of the evening, which I already know, is a record. I hope to match some day.

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HAREM dancer Gleaguine Grey, Mariano Zaparas and my Arabian-extreme look

BELLY friends Betsy Tuason, Connie Guevarra and Elena Tamandao

SEXY belly dancers Gia Apolo, Alexiann Clemente-Alonso

WONDERFUL friends Maryanne Lamers and Virgie Ramos

HOT Japanese kimono outfit with model Mayumi Nakamoto

GORGEOUS Susan Reyes and MTV host Francis Lamers

WILLY and Bernadine Ocier enjoying the concert

MAGYHERS in the Gandiman, John and Walter Sudworth

FUN couple Bea and Mat Gervasio

MEGA group editors Paolo Abracarra and Liza Bardo

AT THE GALA opening, Jose Miguel Zuzuta and actress Chat Cacho

SPECIAL effects at the Sarah Brightman one-night-only concert

BRIGHTMAN in one of her gown costumes

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

Sunday LIFESTYLE

MERLYN WEDS Actress and Mai Mai Zini (nee Cojuangco)

ZINI-COJUANGCO

United colors of romance

Mai Mai Cojuangco and a Benetton scion marry with festive Pinoy flair and Italian zest

Text and photos by Maurice Arcache

ROMANCE bloomed in the cool summer of tomorrow under the Tuscan blue sky in post-cardpicture Jesus, scene of the grand and glorious wedding of gorgeous Mai Mai Cojuangco, and dashing young Italian business magnate Andrea Zini.

Their wedding was a spectacular and highly polished affair, a visual feast. It was impeccably organized by Rita Mea and Samantha Martel, one of Italy's high-society wedding planners.

Mai Mai painstakingly planned every minute and last-many detail, from the dreamy menu down to the flowers for the church and the reception, the table setting, the seating, the place cards and the ornaments.

It was a beautiful traditional wedding in the ancient Basilica di Santa Maria del Fiore, pero had about a full one-hundred forms.

The stunningly gorgeous bride stepped out of the white Ferrari limo, and proceeded to float down the aisle. She wore a diamond necklace, and her gown had a sweeping train and head embroidered veil, a backdrop surrounded by angelic little girls and boys, she marched alongside her super-proud father, Peping Cojuangco. The smiling groom waited at the altar.

Family and friends marveled at the bride's gown, superbly designed by Pinoy-born top young couturier, Rein Wilson. It had Bach white organza with ivory satin stripes, arms cuffs and in some cut-up of each other.

And the well known couturier (who only does patterns for weddings) did a double peplum with layers and layers of tulle and organza.

The bride's satin embroidered shoes were made to order from Manolo Blahnik in Paris.

The ceremonies were officiated by Fr. Edmundo Santos, OP, from the University of Santo Tomas.

Cordero ensemble

Behind the entire ceremonies were in the handsome bearded pits, designer Rey Cordero. Cojuangco's favorite costumer, Angge Cordero.

During the ceremonies, pretty Regine Patricia "Thina" Cojuangco, the bride's sister, sang "One Father" with a quartet. The number, song according to this FAQ, will not true. After all, she was the maid of honor, no less.

The entourage consisted of godparents Jose Mascarenhas and Susanna Ortigas; Mario Henrik and Virginia Romero, and Claudio Bernabeu and Marilen Tuason.

Best man was Nicolo Zini. Ushers were Jose Manuel Lagdameo, Michaela Isaac-Fuentes and Alexandra Bascuñana.

Bridesmaid was Cecilia Sorsogona Legaspi. Cecilia Jerome were Patricia Cojuangco and Rhonnda Bautista. Val bridges were Lalette Cojuangco-Pantaleon and Jacqui Pantoja. And the coed was handled by Josephine Cojuangco-Gutierrez and Monica Manotoc.

Ring bearer was Jose Pio Cojuangco. Flower girl was Martina Bautista. Coin bearer was Rafael Jaworski. Bible bearer was Robert Jaworski III.

Lucky was Mikaela "Mikee" Cojuangco-Jaworski.

After the loud whooping and applause by (seriously) the guests down-lunch in Borgo La Bagnaia for the grand reception.

Buffet tables were scattered around the huge manicured garden. Standing out was a table of the best—and I mean the best—Italian escargot and cheeses from Italy and France.

Another table had various Pinoy delicacies. An eye-catching quarter in the middle of the garden had an endless variety of cheeses. Champagne and wine flowed freely. Musicians serenaded, playing jazz.

The 300 or so invitees then entered a humongous tent, subtly lit by hundreds of candles sprinkled on tables and standing chandeliers in the middle of the tent, where an exquisitely prepared four-course dinner was served.

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DIGDIGT and Milare Jimenez-Irish Kalaw and Robert III, Dr. Lisa Cojuangco-Bautista with husband Noel Bautista and kids Pico and Martina, Peping Cojuangco, the newlyweds and TingTing Cojuangco

PHOTOS FROM LEFT BY ALEX SANTOS

United colors of *romance*

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Cucumber and beauty TingTing Cojuangco were a gorgeous pita combi and diet gold jewelry donning nothing but curves.

The internationally renowned socialite, the stunningly beautiful Isabel Preysler-Iñigo, wore a simple flowered silk gown with spaghetti straps and an exquisite red shawl to keep her warm. When the heavens, the women and men rocked back from their chairs, like the waves on a swirling beach.

Not the behind Isabel was her equally beautiful 21-year-old daughter, Tamara, who, like her mom, turned out to be the belle of the ball, dancing until daylight.

During dinner, Mai Mai's favorite uncle, banker Raul Manancio, who had helped her in preparing the wedding, escorted the bride from table to table. It made one guest remark, "Look at Raul, he looks more like the groom than Andrew."

I was privileged to have been seated beside Isabel Preysler-Iñigo. At one instance, Isabel asked me, "Maurice, who is that beautiful Filipina over there? I want to meet her."

She turned out to be Miss Universe first runner-up Shirley Quimbao-Southwell, whose husband is Italian businessman Claudio Sandiselli, whom she had met through big-screen star Rhett Kain.

Two beauties

After I introduced them, the two beauties had a lot to chat about, including Isabel's trip the following week as guest of the royal family of England in the polo match involving Prince Charles.

Miriam-san flabbergasted when Isabel told her she was the mother of that tennis hall singer Enrique Iglesias.

While Mai Mai and Andrew were making the rounds of guests, Isabel looked at the fabulous eight-carat, pure white, bright flawless emerald-cut engagement ring, called her daughter Tamara to look at it, and told her jokingly, "When you get married, make sure your fiance gives you a ring like that."

The wedding cake, which the style, famous and beautiful attached like pinatas, was a to-die-for fluffy butter cake, with chunks of strawberries, creamy icing and white chocolate.

China had two super handsome Italian dancing with her all night long. China asked Mai and Andrea which they were.

Well, one was married. In fact he told China he was going to stay on just for her, although he got lost for a while. Andrea treated, "Yes, so call his wife and ask, 'Honey, how's our newborn baby?'"

Mai, laughing, said, "He sells jute goes both, Chong." (Chong is Mai's name of endearment for China).

And how about the other cute nice guy? At 2-a.m., Andrew allowed his employees to take part in the celebration and the dance. One of them, Philippe, took TingTing's hand to dance, but she passed him on to China.

"What's her?" China asked Mai. "Sorry Chong, he's the warehouse boy."

Which made Lulu comment, "China if you marry him, you'll hold the reception not at Borgo La Bagnaia but in a pigsteria." The remark made the girls laugh all the more.

Let's not forget, though...the Italians are a very good-looking and a very attractive race. Oh yes!

A funny thing happened on my way to the wedding. My dresser pants dropped! But, that's another story, darlings.

Mischievously fun bridesmaids Virginia "Virgie" Ilam Ramos was one of the principal sponsors. She was the one who had introduced Andrea to Mai. She has had 12 years of positive business partnership with Andrea's family, who produces the worldwide brands Tessenson, Segue and Shirley.

Incidentally, world traveler and gourmet/restaurateur "Gaelle" Madrigal Ilagan-Ortigas had the foreign invitees raving over her fully embroidered pink gown by the late Jose Salazar. Woman of style Kathy de Guzman looked sooo in her Jean Paul Gaultier cocktail outfit. Young lady of substance Bela Madrigal Sangster looked fashionable in a basic black gown with diamond brochette, earrings and ring.

Tall, gorgeous head-turner Gerilla Gutierrez-Legaspi had the Italian men sooo swooning, "Oh, mamma mia," when she went around with her husband, handsome RJ Legaspi-ness.

The Cojuangco females stood out...tacks!

A favorite band called Bravo rocked the floor in another huge tent where dancing went on and on till 4 / 5 a.m.

Mai and Andrea's honeymoon would be a two-week leisure cruise in the Greek island of Mykonos, "where we will sail around the 69 brown islands, and get a well-deserved rest," said Andrea with naughty twinkle in his eyes.

VIRGIE Ramos, Marilou Tuazon-Gutierrez and Susie Madrigal Reyes-Ortigas

THE GLOWING bride with her bridesmaid

THE HOTEL, Borgo La Bagnaia, Siena

GABRIELLA and Fernando Zini, parents of the groom

THE NEWLYWEDS with pan musicians

ITALIAN room by Miguel Rosales

Free rein in bridal wonderland

Top Manila designers rise up to the Rustan's challenge to make a tasteful toast to the June bride

Text by Alex T. Vergara
Photos by Chito Vesma

NOT a few frustrated interior designers blame scarcity of materials for their inability to come up with something extraordinary.

But what exactly would you do if given free rein to use every available item found on the design floor of Rustan's?

Eight of Manila's top purveyors of taste rose to Rustan's challenge by coming up with three rare tributes to the bride and groom. Dubbed as "Rhapsody in White: A Bridal Affair," the ongoing exhibit at Rustan's Makati (fourth level) gathers the likes of Chito Vesmirdy and Ricky Toledo, Jo Kirk, John Richmond, Andy Vazquez-Prada, Miguel Rosales, Gabby Lichauco and Ross Marasigan.

Except for Rosales, head of Rustan's visual merchandising team, everyone is either a freelance interior or furniture designer. Some own and manage the finest home stores in the country. Since the purpose of the merchandising exhibit is to highlight Rustan's "power" brands, each designer was advised to get the bulk of the furniture and accent pieces from the store.

Unfortunately, most store items come from the same source. And no two showrooms are even remotely similar. Marides Tantoco, SP for Rustan's Home, attributes this to two reasons.

"We carry an extensive range of products and brands, both local and imported," she says. "Not only is there a wide selection of items to choose from, the designers we chose have varying views and design sensibilities. The result is that no two displays are similar."

Youthful showcase

Kirk, owner of a home store in Greenhills named after him, came up with a dining room showcase that exudes youthful charm and spontaneity. He deliberately used unmatched plates, glasses, silverware and chairs and gave them a semblance of unity by his choice of color.

Various shades of blue, from the striped textile to the striking cobalt blue glasses and wine bottles, punctuate the 14-piece vignette dubbed as "Table for Dining," which the designer unerringly describes as a cross between Pond Sandwood Cove in Ashbery.

Kirk's objects in Kirk's showroom mix like birds together.

"Gift" for Dining" by Jo Kirk

ASIAN-INSPIRED vignette by Judy Budiman

"Newlyweds never get a set of 14 plates," he says. "The most they get are sets of 6 and 8. My point is they shouldn't be afraid to mix different or unmatched items."

Since part of the fun in coordinating is to do things together, even simple floral arrangements are far from complicated and have a certain ad hoc quality to them. The flowers soften the arrangement as well as mimic the chandelier's design.

Marasigan's dining room showcase, with its indoor-wall fountain, also elevates the attraction because of its simplicity and refreshing color schemes of white and apple green.

"I purposely limited the colors to two," says Marasigan. "In keeping with my vision of contemporary Zen." Fresh flowers and floating stones are very relaxing."

He had to settle for faux flowers, however, as it would have been too time-consuming for him to change and come up with new floral arrangements on a co-a-day.

Penne's Vijander and Toledo come up with "Midnight Dinner," a rich vignette that's on the other side of the visual spectrum. Chandeliers of various shapes and sizes compete for the viewer's attention with diverse crystals, glassware and porcelain pieces on the bar table below. Even the mirror-topped table with curved edges is unique in keeping with the couple's flair-meets-West Raven.

In keeping with the "fun" setting, the texture and color scheme are decidedly tactile and avant, says Vijander, with several throw pillows in golden-hued voile fabrics strewn about on the Persian carpet.

And what's a formal dress and tuxedo doing right outside on the floor?

"It's supposed to be an allid setting for to have-a-ve the Vests," says Vijander, with a wink. Admittedly the set-up will be the last and the least of hand, as it requires some time and effort to do.

"Everything about it is unusual," adds Toledo. "The crystals above and below multiply the drama."

Each setup isn't dictated by brands, but by the look a particular designer wants to achieve. Thus, not a few of them mixed domestic and imported brands with obscure but beautiful pieces made locally.

Jo Vijander and Toledo's showcase, for instance, European crystals were mixed with Philippine modern oil-pool containers. Even the gown, says Vijander, was proudly Filipino-made.

Past-inspired

While Lichauco chose to come up with a young and playful setting area, several designers drew inspiration from the past. Prominent among them are Vazquez-Prada. Reluctant

"PLAYFUL Beginning" by Gabriel Lichauco

"COLONIAL Romance" by Andy Vazquez-Prada

and Rosales.

The latter's sitting room bares the look of the 1960s with Indian flair. An enlarged mural Rosales culled from a French print becomes a focal point as well as a graphic backdrop for the coral and saffron sofa.

Accent pieces are either rounded or geometric to underscore designer's retro theme. A rooster fashioned from Murano glass relieves the display's color scheme, while a sculpture of a lion's head on the topmost level of a cabinet ties two scenes of the designer expressed on the mural.

"I want people to think about color as well," says Rosales, referring to his preference for strong shades. "Everything in this display is supposed to be neutral. Even actual lie-neutral."

"Colonial Romance" aptly describes Vazquez-Prada's display, a collection of Old World-inspired elements, from ornate urns right to gilded sanctuary, straight "out of Africa, British India or Havana, Cuba." The showcase also defines his character as extravagant-bordering, as it features such disparate items as a leather cabinet, wine cabinet, carved double and framed prints.

"I had to be surprised since it's most everything came from Rustan's," he says. "One of the two items I added was a framed picture of my dad. Since not everyone is privileged to collect an old-world display patterned on a old-fashioned one, I'd like people to realize it's not always really baluja old stuff."

It's really a matter of picking the pieces from all that claims 146 rooms, then reclassifying the look, he says.

NOMADIC look given aesthetics refreshing

"Welcoming" by Ross Marasigan

"MIDNIGHT Splendor" by Chito Vijander and Ricky Toledo

MATSUMOTO says it's supposedly considered cozy by the Japanese.

KABUKI master Minoru Nakamura visits models and workshop participants

Cozy as a kimono

A "MAN" before "he" turns into a woman (below)

GINO Gonzales as the samurai

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THE KIMONO might be easy to wear, and that obi or sash around a woman's waist easy to tie and untie.

Japanese kabuki master Minoru Nakamura sounds it sound so, until, easy for it was anything but that, as several Filipinos found out for themselves during a recent two-day workshop at the Hong Iru Studio.

Composed of artists, teachers, fashion designers and homemakers, the group was able to put their newfound knowledge to good use in a fashion show featuring 14 kimonos at The Podium. The fashion show, a joint project between The Podium and Hong Iru Fashion Arts Foundation, was part of a series of cultural events the upscale mall regularly holds to cater to its high-end clientele.

Nakamura, who has been a kabuki dresser for almost 40 years now, brought with him 14 sets of "kabuki" kimono, which his students put together themselves or modified things. The fashion show was orchestrated by Matsumoto himself with the help of English translator Gino Untalo of the University of the Philippines.

Since they're used on stage, kabuki kimonos are more colorful and have bolder prints than traditional kimonos. "They're [worn by actors] meant to be seen from afar by the audience," says Matsumoto.

And unlike the newly worn Philippine ones, the kimono remains popular in Japan. In fact, says Matsumoto, a lot of young people have adopted wearing sequined kimonos because of their versatility and ability to command attention. Small wonder as not a few Japanese designers have come up with their modern takes on it.

"They've created shorter kimonos," says Matsumoto. "Some have even combined two different colors and prints into one kimono. Sometimes one side has a different pattern from the other."

There was nothing of that sort during the fashion show. Still, the silk and cotton kimonos that models donned were noteworthy for their vivid colors and solid lines. That ordinary people composed of Japanese and Filipinos could put on the formal models or artists wore them on stage added to their authenticity.

A WOMAN with the kimono for ladies after Sarah

FASHION designer-turned-model Ivy-Ann Eric Pineda gets help from a fellow workshop participant.

Exclusively exale

In keeping with tradition, one portion featured painters and women's magazine Kutsuri Girl Carmela Cortes as a geisha. After all, the world of kabuki – which means song, dance and act on stage – remains exclusively male.

Workshop participants included Steve de Leon, Eric Pineda, Joan Groves, Deniele Francia, Gino Gonzales, Charlie Gilbert, Ruel Mojica and Manuel Aragon. Joel Calalang, Ogawa Hiroki, Hiromi Takahara and Pamela Aguilera, among others.

By the way, the type of kimonos one wears also reveals one's status in life. As Matsumoto explained, men wear kimonos for ceremonies and geishas, samurais and merchants, ladies and lords.

When brought the house down was the kimono worn by a character named Shiratsuyu (Kabuki), the bloody room for feelings on her chest, a result of a disembowelment in self-sacrifice. Shiratsuyu wore kimonos while living with a darling-consumed lovemaker.

After her object of affection spurned her subtle advances, however, Shiratsuyu rearranged a stink of an eye later in a routine with a kimono of the same orange kimono. With the help of two assistants, who concealed her metamorphosis, she did this with red lowering the shape.

The story ended on a happy note as the romance finally took notice of her. Again, Shiratsuyu showed her true colors through her kimono. She shocked her violet garb this time in favor of a subtle white and orange version.

Blush image as to two techniques film, minority purchased and improved on through the years. But key to success or quick change of costume, and the use of quick fibers or a machine-costume-framing stitches.

"I didn't mean them," he says modestly. "These techniques have been around for quite sometime. I improved on it in such a way that changes are faster, the illusion more positive."

And how, what the audience saw that night, most likely seems to achieve for the entertainment.

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STAGEMATES Daniela Francia and Joan Garcia (hidden behind) easily help Pujimasumo in her transformation from happy to sad.

COTTON kimono is ideal for summer.

MATSUMOTO and an assistant dress up Joanne Rafael Gual as a geisha.

THE IMPOSING provincial government complex of Marawi

Long pigeonholed as a security risk, Marawi holds enough rewards for the adventurous

Islamic city by the lake

LAKE Lanao serves as a swimming pool for these Maranao children.

Nur Sarem, president of Dansalan College, pointed out the site of an ambush just a few miles away.

Twenty-eight years have passed. It's time for another visit into the capital of Lanao del Sur, and I find that Marawi still retains the image of a hotspot. "Don't travel there by the night," cautioned a colleague who had just been there. A friend from Iligan City, an Christian-dominated Lanao del Norte, also expressed her reservations.

"The last time I was there was five years ago," she recalled. "I was with my newly married daughter and her husband from the US, who looks like a tourist. Some persons were giving him the eye. So I told my daughter, 'C'mon, hurry up, hurry up'..."

"Have you taken a bath," joked another friend based in Davao. "So if something happens (we get kidnapped) you'll be fresh and clean. They don't like people who smell."

My hosts from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources in the province, officer Mahdi Ampuan Jaafar and forest ID Mike Ganzon, laughed off those risks.

"Thelevenite visitors from Manila the other day and they were so scared," recounted Ganzon in amusement. "So I invited them to stay in my place. We Maranaos don't really need a hotel, you know, because we open our house to our guests."

And so I journeyed to Marawi again and did not find any More Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) commandos lurking in the bushes. But then you never really know who is an MILF member here. And they won't have you undress to check if you have a grudge against one, or so I was told.

Mosque city

Marawi is a city of over 70 mosques, some of them gutted out. Others, with majestic domes, towers, minarets and arabesque. It is because the inhabitants, wearing traditional architecture, (although the old houses made of the vanishing sort). King Faisal Mosque and Center for Islamic Studies, the Mindanao State University (MSU) and its university campus, Aga Khan Museum and, lately, the Marawi Queen (by Ayala Resort Hotel).

Marawi is a hotel one hour drive from Iligan (91 km), 840 pesos, non-aircon). The highway is smooth. There are military check points, and along the way the open presidents the glad tidings: "The Marines have landed in Lanao, but can now sleep in peace." I hope they do not frame that picture.

WELLED beauties of the MSU campus

As unending signs announces the approach to Marawi and the air becomes cooler, although not as cool as I remembered it 28 years ago.

The City Tourism Council recommends a three-hour walking tour of the MSU campus, which includes a golf course with a view of Lake Lanao (cloudy when we were there), and the landmarks mentioned earlier.

"A chat with the students of the MSU can be a very enriching experience during the walk," says the hesitant writer. And this we did. Well, at any rate, we spent for a photo-op with giggling students wearing the traditional combong (veil or head scarf).

"Those who don't wear the combong are the sexies! (sexies) ones," laughed one participants.

There are two other recommended walking tours, lasting from half a day to a whole day. Ganzon and I chose a three-hour tour of the city for 1650 each.

Marawi's the imposing Provincial Capitol Complex (Image and the King Faisal Mosque, with its Center for Islamic Studies. Young scholars are trained here and, on any given day, you can hear their evening verses from the Koran. In front of the center is a monument to the birth of a flower spotted halfway.

Pleasure

Another must see is the Aga Khan Museum, repository of Maranao culture and the cultures of other Muslim groups. Here the antique wood carvings, the okir and sarimanok designs, symbol of royal martyrdom and used in bedridden dining with stylized embroidered banners and bunting. The colors are green, white, orange and red.

Wander along the musical instruments like the kulintang ensemble, gongs, respiratory reeds and waterpot stands, kettles, betel-nut boxes and Ilanaw clothes in Maranao guarded by two cannons from olden days.

Shopping has its place here: the kampilan or fighting blade, the kangkan bunting and combo spear and, a revelation, a patterned or homemade changer.

A tatam, a grand food fest of Ilanaw, now serves on limousine a wall of the museum.

On the second floor, of interest to women and customers, are the traditional costumes, accessories and wedding gowns of the Maranaos. Sakaya, Magain Ilanaw, Tayagan and Badjaro. A king-size bed made of pajo wood, with graceful designs, stands at the end of the second level.

To my surprise, the Muslim inspired architecture that I was looking for was most evident in the Marawi Resort Hotel, also within the MSU compound. The cottages and duplex rooms are located amid trees in rolling, well-manicured terrain. The admission-cashier building and the convention center exude the ambiance of a grand Maranao palace.

The other features of the resort are a delicious restaurant, function rooms, pebble and tennis courts, and a swimming pool.

The inn ended along the shores of Lake Lanao, the second largest freshwater lake in South and Asia. There were many boats on on the other side, with the mountains towering in the distance. Beyond these are Baloi-non and Ganao del Norte, to the south to North Cotabato.

As we stood enjoying the scenery and taking photographs, a group of chatter-big Maranaos in their jeans, arrived, stripped to the buff and began to swim; they were having a grand time.

The lake is described as the deepest in the country but the waters seemed to be shallow, or at a low level. Ganzon attributed this to the National Power Corp. (NPC) dam which regulates the flow of waters to the lake with a part of the bottom. Ganzon opined that the NPC, when it wants to improve matters, releases a huge amount of water into the lake, to raise its level.

The dam was a controversial issue for several years, with protests from the local government and demonstrations against the NPC for the project pushed through. Today the Maranaos have apparently learned to live with the regulatory dam, which has become a kind of tourist landmark.

The waters of Lake Lanao end its snake, the Agus River, flow down through the mountains, become patched in a way, and the torrents recede into the more than 20 waterfalls of Iligan City.

Thus, the lake is important for both the Maranaos and the Iliganons but especially the Maranaos, who lived a deep kinship with the lake. Their folk poetry, writing in their own language, have sung poems to the lake (as translated). "For many years I have made a living by fishing in the lake. I have always manifested to the beauty of the lake."

CHILDREN of Lake Lanao

ELEGANT Muslim inspired resort cottages at Marawi Resort Hotel in the MSU Compound